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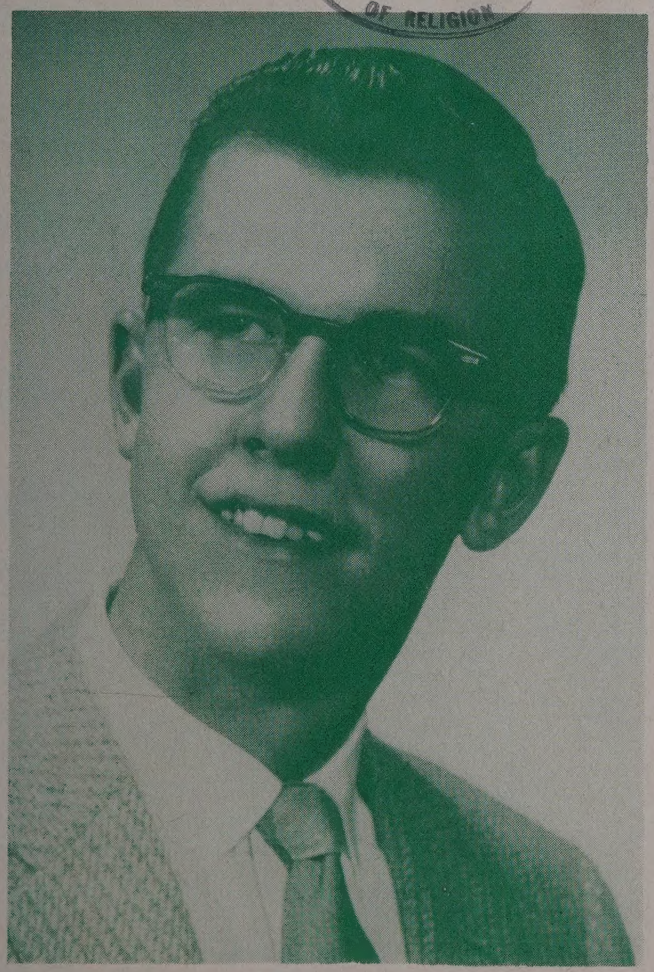

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Endeavorer of the Year

Edna M. Beatty

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Runners-Up

Coming in August: A new, enlarged CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

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Cover

Winners of the 1962 Endeavorer of the Year selection, sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor, are pictured. To learn more of the achievements of these youth and the honors which will come to them, read the story on Page 3.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary . . . .

ALL-AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

In this day of charges and counter-charges among Americans, which would seem to strike at the very heart of our principle of freedom, and in a day when the extreme "rightist" voice seems to be the loudest, there is in our midst an agency with a sane, intelligent voice. That agency is the All-American Conference to Combat Communism.

The All-American Conference was organized in 1950 by national organizations as a means of coordinating their efforts in the fight against Communism. These organizations—including major veterans', women's, fraternal, service, religious, educational and patriotic groups—differ among themselves on specific issues, but are united in their unalterable opposition to Communism. They recognize that only in a free society may citizens assemble independently.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor and the National Association of Evangelicals are the two major national Protestant religious bodies numbered among the fifty organizations which now comprise the All-American Conference. Dr. Daniel A. Poling was one of the founders of the Conference. He is a past Conference chairman and now serves on the Executive Council. Your general secretary is now a vice-chairman of the Conference.

The Conference does not speak for its participating groups, but provides the medium through which they may work together in unity—not uniformity—to render ineffective the all-out Communist offensive against the free world.

The Annual Meeting each year brings together outstanding authorities on various phases of Communism. These speakers present in understandable language the differences between totalitarian and free world objectives, and the responsibility of individual citizens and organizations in perpetuating the benefits and privileges of our way of life. Organization representatives thus have the opportunity to learn in greater detail the true nature of Communist intent and activity in our country and to discuss with each other solutions of mutual problems in the field.

The 1962 Annual Meeting will be held November 2 and 3 in the Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Arch J. McQuilkin, trustee and member of the Executive Committee of the International Society, is chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee.

In addition to the Annual Meeting the Conference:

1) Provides simple, factual texts on various phases of the Communist conspiracy which are published in pocket-size booklet form

2) Compiles a Recommended Reading List on Communism and How to Combat It

3) Mails, periodically, timely materials in the fight against Communism which might not otherwise come to the attention of many

4) Promotes "Know Your America Week," the purpose of which is to encourage communities to work together in their home towns to re-emphasize the benefits of our free way of life; the Conference provides program suggestion kits to community leaders and lends all possible aid

A major project of the All-American Conference is FREEDOM'S FACTS, a monthly publication, available at a subscription rate of $3.00 annually. This publication is a *MUST* for anyone interested in the menace of Communism. Subscribe through the International Society in Columbus.

In short, the purpose of the All-American Conference is to heighten the spirit of cooperation among organizations which are such an important part of our free way of life. The Conference utilizes the established channels of organizations to disseminate to community levels the factual information, materials, and program suggestions concerned with the counter-subversion which its researchers develop.

Harold Westerhoff

Ralph Robrahn and Three Runners-Up to Be Honored July 2 At Mass Meeting during International Summer Assembly

Endeavorer of the Year Winners

Contestants were nominated by Christian Endeavor societies, unions, or adult groups who enrolled in the 1962 Society Roll Call during January, February, or March. Each nominee was required to be between 12 and 21 years of age and to be an active member of a Christian Endeavor society. Nominees were judged on their Christian Endeavor, church, denominational, interdenominational, and community activities.

Winner of the 1962 Endeavorer of e Year selection, sponsored by the ternational Society of Christian Enavor, is Ralph E. Robrahn of Grandle, Michigan. For his achievement lph will receive an all-expense paid p (to a maximum of $150) to the 62 International Christian Endeavor mmer Assembly in Huntington, diana, July 2-7, plus room and meal sts at Huntington College (five nights' lging Monday through Friday and all eals from Monday night dinner through turday breakfast), plus a registration e, all worth $30.

Edna Mae Beatty of Covington, Ohio; rry F. Gutridge of Columbus, Ohio; d M. Wilson Porter of Houston, Texas, ere runners-up in the competition. All ree will receive free room and meals d free registration for the Assembly, orth $30.

Ralph and the three runners-up will e presented at the mass meeting July 2 and will also have opportunity participate in the Assembly program roughout the week.

The Endeavorer of the Year selection as inaugurated in 1961 to recognize the outstanding young person and to encourage youth in their Christian witness.

Ralph E. Robrahn

Ralph, 20 years old, was nominated by the High School Society of Eighth Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. A former president of this group, he is now a member of the Post-High Society and serves as vice-president of the Southwest Post-High Union of Grand Rapids. Church activities include teaching a Sunday school class of 12-year-olds, directing the church song service each Sunday, and responsibility for Christian Endeavor nights when the youth take charge of the evening service.

Widely known as a song leader, Ralph has led many denominational and interdenominational monthly rallies. He has been a delegate to state Christian Endeavor conventions and to the International Convention last year. In 1959 Ralph took fourth place honors in the national Youth For Christ song-leading contest.

Ralph is in his third year at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, and plans to enter Western Theological Seminary to prepare for the ministry. In high school he won awards in speech and dramatics. He participated in forensic contests and in the band and continues these activities in college.

Dr. Frederic Dolfin, minister of Eighth Reformed Church, says, "I have been in Christian Endeavor work long before entering the ministry and have been connected with young people in the 18 years of my ministry in Christian Endeavor work and summer conferences. But, in all of these years, I have not found a young person as capable and having leadership abilities as Ralph. Along with that he has a dynamic personality."

Edna Mae Beatty

Edna, 17 years old, is a senior at Covington High School in Covington, Ohio. The daughter of the minister of the United Presbyterian Church, Rev. Clair E. Beatty, she is currently president of the Senior Society, which nominated her. She attends all services of the church regularly, sings in the Senior Choir, and is librarian of the Sunday school. Edna is serving her second term as secretary of the Miami Valley Union and is also a member-at-large of the Ohio Board of Trustees. She has attended a number of Ohio conventions and conferences and the last two International Conventions. She also participates in denominational activities. At school she is chaplain of Tri-Hi-Y, president of Future Teachers' Association, plays the oboe in the band, and has been on the scholarship team for three years.

Larry F. Gutridge

Larry, a senior at Marion Franklin High School, Columbus, Ohio, is 17. In the Bykota Society of Southwood Church of Christ, which nominated him, Larry is chairman of the Church Activity Committee and assistant treasurer. He is in the Teacher Training Class of the Bible school and is associate teacher for Junior Highs. In charge of visual aids, he faithfully attends all church services. A past vice-president of Teens for Christ (an area youth group) he served as co-chairman recently for a very successful Central Ohio week-end rally. He was a delegate to the Chicago Convention last summer. Larry has dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel and plans to enter Bible college this fall. At school he is a member of student council, Hi-Y, Future Teachers of America, and the cross country track team.

M. Wilson Porter

Just 18 in January, Wilson will be a June graduate of Charles H. Milby High School, Houston, Texas. He is immediate past president of the Senior Society of Magnolia Christian Church, which nominated him. A member of the general board of the church, Wilson is chairman of the Junior Deacons. He plans to enter the College of the Bible, Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, in September. Currently Wilson is president of Harris County Union and first vice-president of San Jacinto District Union. He is also church activity director and a member of the Executive Committee for the Texas Union and a member-at-large of the District 12 Christian Youth Fellowship cabinet. At school he belongs to the "Golden M" boxing club and the drama club.

Clark V. Poling Memorial Fund Seeks Assistance for Sydney Delegates

The Clark V. Poling Memorial Fund was established in memory of Dr. Daniel A. Poling's son, one of the four heroic chaplains who gave their lives that others might live when the U.S.S. DORCHESTER sank in 1943. Clark Vandersall Poling was a product of Christian Endeavor, an ardent Christian Endeavorer throughout his life and ministry.

The fund is a project of the International Society, on behalf of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, to assist in bringing overseas delegates to conventions and conferences. Gifts to this fund helped a number of delegates from needy areas to attend the Bournemouth Conference in 1948; the London, Washington, and Frankfurt World Conventions in 1950, 1954, and 1958; and the Pacific Area Conferences in Honolulu, Karuizawa, and Mexico City in 1952, 1956, and 1960.

This year the fund seeks to raise at least $5,000 to help bring delegates to the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Sydney, Australia, August 16-21—delegates who otherwise will miss the spiritual strengthening and rich fellowship of the convention. Commitments have already been made to give assistance to Endeavorers from Japan, Korea, Guatemala, the Pacific Islands, and India.

Money invested in this way is a seed which bears fruit again and again. The appeal is not for large gifts, but for many modest contributions. Your gift will help. Make checks payable to the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Prayer Partners Wanted!

Almost 1,000 Prayer Partners have been enlisted in Australia in connection with the Sydney Convention. Another Evening of Prayer throughout Australia was held May 18. A very special prayer effort is planned for August 10, when the last Evening of Prayer will be held. Endeavorers around the world are urged to join in prayer for the convention, particularly on that date.

When Endeavorers meet in Sydney, the theme of the sessions will be "Jesus Christ—the Way." Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union, will give the keynote address. As retiring president, after 35 years of service, he will give his last presidential address at the closing session in Ruschcutters Bay Stadium and will then install the newly-elected officers and transfer the Presidential chain of office to his successor. The final message will be given by the new president.

Among the outstanding leaders on the convention program are Rev. Arno Pagel, German Union president; Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, International Society president; Rev. Ivan W. Alcorn, president of the National Union of Australia; George H. Nelson of Australia, a World's Union vice-president; Rev. Izumi Watanabe, Japan Union field secretary; and Dr. Hugh Rowlands Gough, Archbishop of Sydney of the Church of England in Australia.

Reports of Christian Endeavor will be given by the two general secretaries of the World's Union—Harold E. Westerhoff, who is also International Society general secretary, for Area I; William J. Sharpe of Great Britain for Area II.

The Clark V. Poling Memorial Fund

(Please return this form with your gift)

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Yes, I see great possibilities for advancing Christ's Kingdom through the influence of the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Sydney, Australia.

So here is my gift of $_____. Use it to bring delegates to this great convention from countries that otherwise would miss its inspiration.

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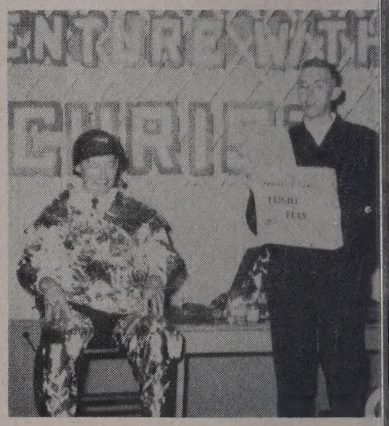
ABOVE—Members of the Convention City mittee in Sydney, Australia, examining the color brochure advertising the 14th W Christian Endeavor Convention are (left to Ron Wotherspoon, decorations convenor; P Fred Nile, Intermediate-Young People's conv Mrs. Frances Hadley, Junior convenor; and T. Perry, hospitality convenor. BELOW—H E. Westerhoff, World's Union general secre chats with P. A. R. Chesterton, secretary o National Christian Endeavor Union of Aust about plans for the convention in Sydney A 16-21.



E2A PROJECT A SUCCESS — The secret is Michigan Union's "Elwood to Australia" Pr reached its zenith at the Spring Conclave M 31. Almost 200 were present to hear the nouncement that Elwood Dunn, general secre is going to the World's Convention in Sydne a gift from Michigan Endeavorers. The c skit used to send "Astronut" Dunn into made him think it was just a stunt. "Mc Joan Pyle dressed the candidate in an alumi foil space suit; "Dr." Allen Watson with sistance from "Nurse" Ruth Cole, tested health; "Dietician" Marty Snyder gave "space food" samples; and "Shorty" Lee Mel chief engineer, read the top-secret flight structions. With much effort Michigan lea were finally able to convince Mr. Dunn tha actually is going to Sydney in August!

OMING EVENTS
or Your Prayer Calendar

ere is a list of Christian Endeavor con-
ions and conferences scheduled to be
l during the next few months. Remember
e events in your daily Quiet Hour.

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6—Ohio, Steubenville
7—Illinois, Lincoln
4—Minnesota, Medicine Lake
4—Michigan, Zeeland
4—Texas, Dallas
4—California, Sacramento
0—Massachusetts, Northfield (Conference)
8—West Virginia, Cameron
8—North Carolina, Crestmont Assembly Grounds (Junior Conference)
uly 1—New York, Staten Island

Y

21—North Carolina, Crestmont Assembly Grounds (Young People's Conference)
28—New York, Camp Pinnacle (Junior-Junior High Summer Assembly)

GUST

5—California, Santa Barbara (Sponsors Seminar)
11—Pennsylvania, Chambersburg
12—North Carolina, Crestmont Assembly Grounds (Adult Conference)
18—New York, LeTourneau Christian Camp (Senior Summer Assembly)
18—Oregon, Rockaway (Leadership Training Conference)
17—Virginia, Bridgewater
26—Ohio, Hidden Hollow Camp (Conference)
26—Indiana, West Lebanon
31—Ontario, Selkirk (Summer Conference)
Sept. 3—Missouri, Troy (Summer Camp)

TEMBER

3—Michigan, Waldenwoods (Fall Retreat)
23—Wisconsin, Green Lake

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MRS. MEADOWS!—Enjoying a sea food dinner at Atlantic City in honor of Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows' birthday April 27 are (left to right) Delno W. Brown, Mrs. Meadows, Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, Martha C. Walke, Evelyn R. Purdy, Harold E. Westerhoff, Phyllis I. Rike, Mrs. Lois Turner, and Elwood Dunn. These leaders were in Atlantic City to participate in the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference.

HONOR SOCIETIES FOR MARCH AND APRIL

Since the last list was published of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the Membership Mobilization, a number of others have participated in the 1962 Society Roll Call.

Organizations listed below contributed during the months of March and April. Those receiving gold seals have contributed $50 or more; red seals represent a gift of $30; and blue seals, a contribution of $15.

Gold Seal

Alpha Alumni Council, National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C.
Board of Education, General Eldership of the Churches of God, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
West Branch Union of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Junior High, Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas

Red Seal

Adult, Metropolitan Community Church, Chicago, Illinois

Blue Seal

Emmanuel Church, Burbank, California
Adult, Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, California
Colorado Union, Denver, Colorado
True Light Bible School, Punta Gorda, Florida
First Community Church, Honolulu, Hawaii
Adult, Haiku Protestant Church, Paia, Maui, Hawaii
Adult, Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Chicago Heights, Illinois
Pleasant Chapel General Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana
Trinity Reformed Church, Munster, Indiana
Junior, Chesterfield Church of Christ, Des Moines, Iowa
Elders Fund, Union Evangelical Church, Corona, New York
Junior High, Community Church of Little Neck, Great Neck, New York
Junior, Margaretville-New Kingston Larger Presbyterian Parish, Margaretville, New York
Intermediate, Abbe Reformed Church, Clymer, New York
Bykota, Southwood Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio
Senior, Sherkston United Brethren Church, Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada
Bethany Evangelical United Brethren, Dover, Pennsylvania
Mercer County Union, Fredonia, Pennsylvania
Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania
Sandy Hollow Church of God, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania
Junior, New Castle United Brethren Church, New Castle, Pennsylvania
Junior High, New Castle United Brethren Church, New Castle, Pennsylvania
Senior, New Castle United Brethren Church, New Castle, Pennsylvania
Juniata Park Evangelical United Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, First Presbyterian Church of Manayunk, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Junior High, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Junior, Grace United Church of Christ, Richland, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, Beverly Hills United Presbyterian Church, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
Senior, Beverly Hills United Presbyterian Church, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
Blue Ridge District Union, McCoy, Virginia
First Reformed Church of Randolph, Randolph, Wisconsin

OFFICIAL NOTICE
ANNUAL MEETING
of the
International Society of Christian Endeavor

The annual meeting of the Corporation of the International Society of Christian Endeavor will be held at 3:00 P.M.. Saturday, June 30, 1962, in the Deshler Hilton Hotel, Broad and High Streets, Columbus, Ohio. Regular business will be transacted.

All annual, sustaining, supporting, life, and youth members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor are voting members of the Corporation.

Clyde W. Meadows
President

Harold E. Westerhoff
Clerk

May 25, 1962
Columbus, Ohio

PROJECT YOUR INFLUENCE BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME

By placing the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your Will, your influence can be projected beyond your lifetime; and you can be a blessing to thousands of boys and girls who will benefit by the ministry of Christian Endeavor.

Consult your lawyer. For information write to Harold E. Westerhoff, General Secretary, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

During the 77 years of its existence the official publication of the International Society of Christian Endeavor has sought to bring to its readers the best in Christian helps for personal growth and for society and union programs and activities.

As part of its program of continual improvement, and in answer to requests from many, a big step forward will be taken by this publication, beginning with the August 1962 issue. Among the changes which are planned, to bring yo a new, enlarged CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, are these:

MORE PAGES—two pages for each week's topic comments for Junior Highs and also for Senior High-Young People's societies . . . a wealth of vital, usable material to help every group have better meetings

MORE ISSUES—beginning in August, THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD will be published monthly . . . two extra issues every year . . . a steady procession of copies

MORE HELPS—in addition to double the number of pages for topics, there will also be extra pages for Ready-for-YOUth Resources, which will include program planning helps, suggestions for leaders and committees, and a variety of other items . . . much of the helpful material formerly published in the Program Guides will be a part of these resources . . . all the helps you need in one compact monthly magazine.

MORE EYE APPEAL—a new cover design (see the miniature above), new layouts, more art work, larger type . . . all will combine to give a sparkling "new look" to your favorite Christian Endeavor publication

These improvements are in addition to the many features which are currently so popular—news of Christian Endeavor world-wide, pictures of people and events, Adult topic summaries, messages from the General Secretary, etc. And all of this is yours for just a $3.00 yearly subscription or five copies to one address, $12 a year; ten copies, $19.50. These prices are effective August 1.

But here's extra good news for you! There's still time to enter subscriptions at the current low rates, if you act at once. Be sure your name is on the list, so you'll receive all of the good things we're planning for you. And tell your friends, too. The August issue will be out soon!

Sincerely,

Phyllis I. Rike

Editor

With Adults in Christian Endeavor

A page especially for Young Adults (25-35) and Adults (36-up)

ADULT TOPIC SUMMARIES

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

Participation in Government (two topics)

. Trust in the Lord

Isaiah 26:1-12; Psalm 33:8-12

the tempo of our national life at this time t to the exalted measures of Isaiah 26? Is ır song that of the strong city, because salation is appointed for walls and bulwarks? ours a righteous nation that is noted for s faith in God? Does currency speak truthılly for the American people when it says, In God we trust"? Does our nation have erfect peace because its mind is stayed on ;od? Do we trust in Jehovah as the everısting rock? Are we learning righteousness ecause the judgments of the Lord are in ıe earth? Assign these or similar questions speakers for two or three-minute speeches. Conclude the meeting with a devotional hallenge based on Isaiah 26:20,21.

2. The Greatest Freedom

Isaiah 61:1; John 8:34-36

Within the human heart lies the inherent lesire for freedom. Throughout human hisory, in both word and deed, men have reıchoed the famous cry, "Give me liberty, or ive me death." No battle cry has rallied ıen to its support as completely as the batle cry for freedom. The greatest freedom ıeeded, however, is freedom from sin. This reedom is achieved only through acceptance f divine truth. The truth that liberates the ıuman soul from bondage is the truth about Christ, the Saviour. Apply this devotional dea at the conclusion of an open discussion egarding "What Freedom Means to Me." Use patriotic songs and decorations.

Missionary Personalities (three topics)

1. A Young Missionary

Acts 12:25; 12:4,5,13; II Timothy 4:11

Mark forsook Paul on his first missionary journey, and Paul refused to take him the second time (Acts 15:36-41). However, he later considered him "profitable to me for the ministry." A most fitting tribute was paid to John Mark by Simon Peter, when he referred to him as "Marcus my son" (I Peter 5:13). The lives of the two men must have converged frequently. Only eternity will reveal the fulness of the influence of the mature, but still impetuous Simon Peter on the young, impressionable John Mark. Conduct a character study of John Mark. Consider the problems faced by young missionaries today and how they may be overcome.

2. Our Ambassadors for Christ

Acts 1:1-11; 13:1-3

Make this meeting one in which you pay tribute to the missionary or missionaries supported by your congregation. If possible, secure slides and curios from the mission field. By all means, secure letters to be read to the group. Prepare a personality sketch. As a project, make a tape recording of the meeting to be sent to the missionary. Ask those who come to the meeting to bring nonperishable foods, Bible school supplies, small toys, and other gift items to be packaged to be sent to the mission field. Close with a devotional, "Go Ye," and a prayer circle.

3. The Worth of Man

Matthew 18:10-14; 28:18-20

The sacredness of human life is shown in the regard of Jesus for lost men. He illustrated it by the story of the lost sheep. We are apt to despise poor and apparently worthless people. We fail to realize the worth of a human soul. The famous Kimberley diamond mines of South Africa were discovered when the wheel of an ox cart accidentally turned a stone that glittered. Nobody knows how long the precious diamonds had been trampled underfoot by man and beast, waiting to be discovered, cut, and polished. It is that way with human souls. What about the man down the street? The woman across the tracks? The child in a broken home? Discuss ways to reach these people for Christ and put into effect actual plans to do so.

Foundations of Democracy (four topics)

1. Seed of Modern Democracy

Psalm 78:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12

When we study the history of nations that meant the most to the world, we learn that their growth was acquired through centuries of preparation, starting from the home. Who can read the address of Pericles, inspired by the battle of Thermopylae, and not trace the seed of modern democracy? Who can study the Old Testament prophets and not discern the forces of moral betterment in the world? Who can read the Sermon on the Mount and not want to be a better citizen, both of the world and of the kingdom of God? If we would safeguard future generations, we must conserve all the gains of the past and add to them our quota of earnest teaching, praying, and heroic living. Discuss how this may be accomplished in your community.

2. Laws for Living Together

Exodus 23:1-9; Romans 13:1-9

Here are a few primary laws in the art of living acceptably in God's sight. Ask three speakers to state how their observance is fundamental to national harmony: (1) "Thou shalt not raise a false report." The air of the time is full of rumors and propaganda. Wise criticism of our government is a part of democracy, but let us not be guilty of abuse. (2) "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Popular movements may be wrong. The Christian should keep calm while the people about him rage. (3) "Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause." Often the public is encouraged to "take sides." All social groups have their rights, but none should be encouraged in its unrighteousness.

3. Christian Justice

Philemon 8-20

Paul believed in Christian justice. He believed in the fine courtesies and considerations that enrich life. This is brought out in his short letter to Philemon. Onesimus, Philemon's slave, ran away and went to Rome while Paul was a prisoner there. Through some circumstances the slave found his way to Paul, who led him to Christ. Onesimus could have been most helpful to Paul, but Paul's sense of justice and honor caused him to send Onesimus back, with a beautifully written letter, to his master. Conduct studies of Philemon and Onesimus through the use of tableaux, a playlet, or character sketches. Make application to present-day life.

4. The Eternal King

Isaiah 9:6,7; Psalm 72:1-8

The centuries before Christ's coming to earth and the centuries following His earthly life bear witness to His claim as King of all the earth. 2,600 years ago Isaiah foresaw the coming of the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Today more than a thousand tongues and dialects sing His praise. He rules by His own inherent right. Hence, *He* is the foundation of our freedom. our democracy. Assign these subjects for discussion: (1) Christ is the supreme ruler of the universe; (2) He rules by His appeal to the minds and hearts of men; (3) He is sufficient for all people; and (4) He is the coming judge of all mankind.

Look for Short-Term Leaders!

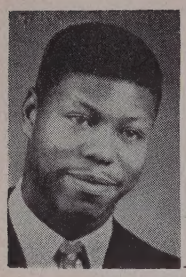
Strength and growth in an Adult unit will usually depend quite largely on a core group of volunteers. These men and women are devoted and responsible as individuals and they work capably as a team. We honor these "regulars."

But will you keep alert to the usefulness of some others, who have ideas and energy and who can well serve in the work for more limited periods or in some one specialism of the unit's program?

Barbara M. is one such person. Her position in college public relations makes it possible for her to return to her old home town and its church for the month of July The Adult "regulars" can count on Barbara to plan at least one summertime meeting and provide skilled assistance to the unit's officers in planning the fall program.

Each summer, several of the Young Adults who attend summer classes in an Eastern university are recruited for short-term service and leadership in city, suburban, and rural churches. These experiences prove pleasant to the visiting students and helpful and stimulating to the units that invite them to share in their programs.

—*B. H. D.*



The Ancient Book and the Living God

Proverbs 2:1-9; II Peter 1:21

No. 1 in a Series: "Bible Appreciation"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **July 1**

Advertising the Meeting

There are several rather unique and clever ideas that might be used to advertise the meeting. A display of several open Bibles could be prepared. Secure about three magnifying bars. Place one of these over John 5:39,40 on the first open Bible. The second Bible should be opened to Acts 18:28 and another bar placed over it. The third Bible should be opened to Hebrews 4:12 and the third bar placed over this verse.

On the wall back of the table, a poster should be displayed which will carry information about the meeting. Keep the amount of material on the poster to a minimum. The theme, date, place of meeting, and a "punch line" to urge attendance are all that are necessary.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story*
Announcements
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:1-9; II Peter 1:21
Hymn: *More Like the Master*
Sentence Prayers
Discussion of the Topic
Consecration Service
Benediction

An Ancient Book

The Bible is an account of God's dealing with man from the beginning of his earthly existence. It shows how sin entered the world through man's disobedience. It presents us with a perspective of man that is based upon God's revelation of Himself in history. The Bible is a trustworthy record of this historical revelation.

The Word of God

Some people feel that all the words of the Bible are the words of God to us. But what about such words as found in Psalm 137:9? Are there any principles by which we can arrive at a determination of what statements in the Bible may be applied to us and which ones should not be? *(Talk about this matter for a while. List some of these principles on the chalkboard.)*

Others feel that the Word of God means the message of God. Thus, they would not be so much concerned with particular words as they would about the message of the Bible. But about what is its message? *(Discuss this question for a while. Raise such questions as: Is the Bible a message about the composition of material things? About political systems? Or is it a message about the meaning of man's existence? What gives meaning to man's existence?)*

The Bible is God's message to man about Himself. One cannot read the Bible in a thoughtful manner without receiving certain ideas about God. First, God is presented as Creator. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" are the opening words of the Bible. He is not only Creator of the physical universe, but He is Creator of man as well.

Being man's Creator, He knows man's deepest needs. The Bible tells us that God provides for man's needs. He provides for our physical needs; He provides our daily bread. *(Read Matthew 6:25-33.)* God also provides for man's social needs. Thus, He has created the community of those who are in the process of being redeemed. *(Read I Corinthians 12:12-20.)*

The Bible also tells us how God meets man's spiritual needs. Man needs to be saved from sin, and God makes it possible. *(Read Romans 3:23,24; I Peter 1:18-25)* Note that in I Peter 1 the Word of God is an instrument in the divine process of redemption. The Bible makes known the will of God to us with regard to the abundant life in Christ. *(Read II Peter 1:3-11. Discuss this in regard to God's will and purpose for our lives.)*

Why Is the Bible Important?

The Bible is important because it helps man to understand himself and his life. It teaches man that by creation he is related to nature. He feels compelled by its necessities, subject to its limitations, and even driven by its impulses. However, the Bible also makes clear that man was made higher than the beasts of the field. In fact, he was made after the very image of God.

The Bible teaches that man is a moral or ethical being. By this it is meant that man has a certain amount of choice; he can determine his destiny by choosing certain goals. We realize these choices are within limits, but yet he enjoys some measure of freedom. With this freedom is always responsibility. God is good to man in that through His Word He helps man to know the right way of life. *(Read Psalm 119:97-105 and II Timothy 3:14:17.)* In Psalm 119:105 the Word of God is spoken of as a light for one's pathway and a lamp for one's feet. It throws light on one's way. In II Timothy 3:14-17 it is said that the Scriptures are profitable for one's spiritual development. They are potentially able to make one perfect.

Without the Word of God man tends to live a self-centered life. It is only when he becomes acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ that he begins to discipline the powers within him. The Word of God helps us to know when the Spirit of God is working within us. *(Read Galatians 5:16-24.)* Paul affirms in Romans 6:16-19 that the Word of God is the means of our knowledge of
way of righteousness. In verse 17 he tha
God that those who were once slaves of
have become obedient from the heart to
doctrines of God.

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principle. Man is responsible to God
what he has, not what he does not h
God's gifts to men vary in kind and amo
Man is not judged by God on the basis
his achievements in comparison with
achievements of others. We honor those
have accomplished some great task. It
fitting that we should honor the astrona
of our time, for indeed this shows that th
men used well their abilities. But we n
also to realize that those who have fe
abilities are not doomed to failure. It is
Word of God which can help us to rea
this in our time. We need to read and
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25:14-30, for this can be a deterrent to
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know the things that we can do to keep
lives "on course" in our journey throu
this world.

How Often Should I Read My Bible?

Two principles should guide us in
answer to this question. First, it is the W
of God to us. Behind the words of the Bi
stands the living God. They should lead
into a close fellowship with Him throu
Jesus Christ our Lord.

The second principle follows. One sho
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because he reads the Bible every day. Je
pointed out this truth to the Jews when
said, "You search the scriptures, beca
you think that in them you have eter
life; and it is they that bear witness of
yet you refuse to come to me that you m
have life" (John 5:39,40, Revised Standa
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that we do not "find time" to become
quainted with the Word of God. We m
"make time" for it.

Consecration Service

The chairman of the Devotional Comm
tee could take charge at this point in t
service. It might be well to have some s
sacred music as a background for the enli
ment of new Quiet Hour Comrades. Ask t
group to be in prayer as this is done. Th
have the group sing *Have Thine Own W*
and close with the benediction.

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of Bible and Christian Education at Northw
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We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:1-9

July 1 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

r Aims

. To appreciate anew Christ's great mission to take the Gospel into the ple world

. To sense what it means to nations and ples to have a Christian heritage

. To hear God's call to service and unstand what it means to youth today

r Poster

On a cardboard paste a globe of the dd clipped from some magazine. From top of the cardboard draw a shaft of t and letter into it *The Great Commis*n. At the other corner, paste a picture of attractive youth looking toward the light. tter on at the side the topic, time, and ce of meeting.

r Worship Service

-Prayer Service

mns: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations; The Love of God*

ntence Prayers

fering and Announcements

ripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:1-9

pic Discussion

mmary: Ask your counselor or minister to conclude by discussing "Our Duty to Christ and Our Community"

mn: *Challenge of the New Day*

nediction

e Challenge

Christ says that we are to go and make sciples of all nations, baptizing them in e name of the Father, the Son, and the oly Spirit. Then He assures his disciples success, for He says that all power is ven unto Him in heaven and in earth, and at He will be with us, even unto the end the world. Hence, we have Christ's great d final command on the one hand, and the other we have the great Macedonian ll, "Come over and help us!"

e Nations Are Opened

The great explorers of the world's unown regions have been the Christian misonaries. Livingstone in Africa, Duff in Ia, Carey in Burma, and Morrison in hina, were not only preachers of the cross, ut also the pioneers who entered the sealed nds and opened them up to the white an.

The missionaries have studied the lanuages of the natives of these closed lands, educed them to writing, made grammars nd lexicons, studied the customs and pracces and traditions of these newly discovred peoples, and scattered the knowldge of these things throughout the lands f Christendom. Geography, history, science, terature, and religion have all profited and een enriched by the stores of information hat have been made accessible to the ivilized world through the unselfish, heroic ioneer work done by the obscure missionries.

It is mostly in this sphere that missions less the United States and Canada. The ation that takes a deep interest in the vangelization of the less fortunate peoples f the earth has awakened within its own orders a profound sense of gratitude to God for all His gracious providence in giving it the Gospel. The finer and tenderer sympathies of the people are awakened, resulting in the outflow of prayer and gifts of money and life that permanently enrich the life of the people.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How do Christian missions benefit the world?
2. What responsibility have Christians for the world's salvation?
3. How do converts to Christ aid missions?
4. How important is the evangelization of the world at this time?
5. Should every Christian be a personal worker for Christ, and every personal worker a missionary for Christ?

The Program Begins at Home

The program of world conquest must begin at Jerusalem. Jerusalem is where we are: the housewife's kitchen, the businessman's office, the factory, the student's schoolroom, the sidewalk, the fertile fields, the bus, the railway train, the recreation park. Just as soon as every disciple of the cross begins the program of the great commission at Jerusalem, just so soon will every Christian become a missionary. And just as soon as every Christian becomes a missionary, just so soon will all men hear of Christ and many be won to Him.

What Missionaries Have Done

Missionaries introduced sorghum, African rubber, and the silkworm into the Western world.

The jinrikisha without which Japan would hardly be Japan, and foreign tourists would be in despair, was designed by Johnathan Joble, a missionary.

The best variety of wheat now sown throughout the South was sent from abroad to Georgia by missionaries.

The most profitable pear grown in America originated as a cross between seedlings imported by missionaries from China.

One of the most useful drugs known to medical science is quinine, and it was discovered by Jesuit missionaries of South America.

Missionaries have translated the Bible into about seven-tenths of the world's language.

That South Dakota is today a state and has a star upon the flag of the United States is attributed to the work of a Christian missionary. As a pastor at Yankton, Joseph Ward was a leader in opposing corrupt government, in gaining statehood, in guarding the interests of education, and in advocating prohibition. To him South Dakota owes its motto, "Under God the People Rule."

One of the governors of South Dakota, referring to Dr. Joseph Ward, who chose that field because it was hardest and neediest, said, "They call me Governor out here, but I have not a tithe of the power Joseph Ward has." The missionary is very often the very salt of the earth.

My Answer to the Challenge

1. *Some must answer by going.* There are those who are commissioned to go to non-Christians to preach and to teach the Gospel of Christ. Some 100,000 have responded in our time and are working under the banner of the cross. Whenever God speaks to a young man or woman, the reply should be, "Here I am, send me."

2. *We can answer in study.* Since the missionary enterprise is the most stupendous task ever assigned to men, and since so much depends upon its success, we should inform ourselves thoroughly as to the progress it is making, and some of the hindrances and obstacles that prevent even greater progress. We all should be students of the missionary work around the world.

3. *We should answer with money.* We are not all asked to go to the mission fields, but we are all asked to support those who are called to go. We can answer the great missionary challenge by giving of our means toward the support of the enterprise. There are those who have given their lives, and surely we can give some of our money for the cause for which Christ gave Himself. There should be systematic and proportionate giving to missions.

4. *We may answer with prayer.* Jesus makes mention of the mission fields, and He asks that we pray for laborers in His harvest. More is accomplished through prayer than the world dreams of. We can all answer the missionary challenge in a very definite way with our prayers. Prayer will strengthen the missionaries, as well as open doors of opportunity.

5. *We can strengthen the home base.* If the missionary enterprise is to bring the world to God, there must be a strong and adequate home base. The spirit at home is always reflected on the mission field. Every church should be an adequate base for the missionary enterprise. If the work at home suffers, the work on the mission fields suffers as well. We can all answer the great missionary challenge by making our local church and Christian Endeavor society strongly missionary.

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh, editor of BUILDERS, Evangelical United Brethren youth magazine

The Everlasting Gospel

Matthew 24:29-35; Revelation 14:6,7

No. 2 in a Series: "Bible Appreciation"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **July 8**

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymns: *Jesus Saves; Blessed Assurance*
Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:29-35; Revelation 14:6,7
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Topic Introduction
The Eternal Gospel
Life Situations
Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
Benediction

Preparation

At least one week ahead of time assign each life situation described below to a member of the society to present it and to lead in discussing it.

Topic Introduction

The Gospel is the "good news" of God's unceasing love. The central theme of this good news is the salvation which God has provided through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This Gospel never changes.

The only Gospel that most people outside the church ever know is "the Gospel according to you." In this topic we want to consider whether we are showing the true Gospel, which is eternally the same, or portraying "some other gospel."

The Eternal Gospel

The Bible is the world's most unique book. It has for many years been the world's best seller. But it has also been perhaps the world's most abused book.

It has been outlawed again and again, even to the death penalty for anyone who was known to have one in his possession. It has been burned by the stacks. Its translators and proclaimers have been persecuted by the cruelest means that evil men could imagine. Yet it still remains as powerful as it was the day the first martyrs gave their lives, joyously rejoicing in the Christ of the Gospel.

What is this strange book that has been the center of so much contention? It is the light of eternal truth, and "men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). It is the good news of God's plan of salvation from sin, it is "to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Corinthians 1:18). It is God's revelation of Himself and His way of life, but "all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6a). It is God's message of a more abundant life in Christ now and the promise of everlasting life in the presence of God, but men are "lovers of their own selves . . . lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (II Timothy 3:2-4).

Therefore, Satan, working through the minds and hands of sinful men, has employed every possible means to discredit and destroy the Gospel. All his efforts are bound to fail ultimately, but many are being led astray and deceived now.

The cruelest and most spiritually devastating of the abuses of the Gospel comes from within the body of professing Christians, the church. The greatest of these abuses is indifference. The neglect of the reading of the Bible is just as much an insult to its author as it would be to a close friend who sent you a letter that you neglected to read. Few Christians are daily readers of God's letter to us. Just as bad is reading of the Bible and then doing nothing about its message for our daily living.

The Gospel does not need to be defended; it needs to be declared. The strongest defense of the Gospel is the demonstration of its transforming power in the everyday life of ones who claim to believe it. It also needs to be made known in words and deeds. How shall people believe in a Saviour of whom they have not heard? How shall they hear except someone tell them?

Life Situations

1. To most people who casually know her, Jane is considered an average Christian teen-ager. She rarely misses any of the regular services of the church. She sings in the church choir and will work on committees if the right people are on them. She never goes to movies or dances. She is quick to state her convictions about the use of tobacco and alcohol and the misuse of the Lord's Day. She faithfully reads two chapters from the Bible each day and spends time in prayer.

But it can be truly said, "To learn the latest dirt about anyone, see Jane." Jane is usually nursing some personal affront and feeling sorry for herself. She has numerous ways of letting others know how good she is, and she expresses her feelings for others who do not behave as she does. When she is confronted with her own unkindness and self-pity, she rationalizes, "This is just the way I am, and I can't help it."

Does Jane really apply the Gospel to everyday living?

What is the first evidence of a true Christian spirit? See I John 4:7,8.

When applied to life, what can the Gospel do for a person like Jane? Do you know anyone like Jane?

2. Norm is a good student and a very willing worker at church and school. He plans to study for the ministry. He is a good speaker and is usually the first one to be considered for the chairmanship of committees or for special assignments.

He has a part-time job, and while at work he spends quite a bit of time talking about the church and the Christian life. M times he allows his work to pile up whil talks to someone about accepting Ch When he is talking, he always keeps his open for the boss so as not to get in trou

He claims he cannot understand why is unable to win any of his fellow wor to Christ. What is wrong with Norm's d onstration of the Gospel? What is the r tion of the Gospel to one's work hab What kind of workman should a Chris be? How do I Corinthians 10:31 and Co sians 3:22-24 apply to life today?

3. Ray is a quarterback on the high sc football team. To him training rules for his own good and the strength of team; therefore, he keeps them faithfully is diligent in his studies and persistent in forts to improve his athletic ability. H easily friendly and always wears a sin smile. After a series of defeats on the f ball field, he asked the team to join hi prayer that they might be able to pla better game. The coach and the team w surprised at Ray's suggestion, but rea agreed, if he would lead them. In the we that followed the coach was surprised to the change in the attitude of the team ward both keeping of training rules and sistent practice. Even the cheering sec noticed a difference and began to expe victory on the field.

When Ray asked the fellows to go al with him to church, some were ready to Some even accepted Christ later thro Ray's invitation and guidance.

What made "the Gospel according Ray" so attractive?

4. Bob was known as "a rough guy." had several incidents with the law. parents could not seem to do anything w him, nor could the teachers at school. ally Mr. Smith hired Bob to work in his ing station, and Bob dropped out of sch Mr. Smith was very patient with Bob showed real concern for his future. Smith also taught the high school Sun school class and was able to get Bob come back to Sunday school. Now afte year of patient, loving care, Bob has fin accepted Christ. Some of his former bud are trying to make it hard for him. T tease him and try to tempt him, and e tried a mild case of blackmail.

Bob never seems to get angry or disco aged by their actions but continually f ways in which to do some good deed them. He has made restitution to sev persons who did not know that he wronged them. His attitude toward his ents has completely changed, and now whole family has been attending church. plans to return to school next fall and up his education where he dropped it.

Has the Gospel really reached Bob?

What are the chances of his Go reaching his former buddies who helped lead him downward? Does anyone ever beyond the power of the Gospel to cha him?

What has the Gospel done for you sonally? *(Several of the members sh give their own testimonies of the powe the Gospel in their lives.)*

Comments by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, ge secretary of Christian Education for the Ch of the United Brethren in Christ

s the Word

dvertising may follow several different nnels for this topic. Use such tricky and hing phrases as "Revive the Spirit of " "Be Independent, Think for Yourself," . "You Pay Taxes, Be Represented at istian Endeavor." Posters will serve for e of the advertising. Use other media convey the message.

the Counselor

he counselor should see that the adver- ng is prepared. This should be done by iety members, but the counselor should e direction and help with the planning. o, he should be very familiar with the terial of this topic so he can offer effec- suggestions during the discussion.

At the conclusion, the counselor should e a challenge to the members. It is good study such a topic, but it becomes im- tant only when youth are challenged to ry out the ideas in their daily lives.

ggested Program Outline

-Prayer Service
ipture Reading: I Kings 19:9-18
ent Meditation
ayer
mn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
nouncements and Offering
mn: *When I Kneel Down to Pray*
pic Discussion
allenge by Counselor
mn: *Living for Jesus*
nediction

et in Line

A story is told of a young man who saw line of people waiting near a doorway on busy street. The young man thought that rely the group was waiting to get some rt of prize inside the store. The young an also waited in line. When the time me for the young man to enter the build- g, he saw the outcome of his waiting. Two urses were giving shots to those who were the head of the line. The boy did not now what type of shots these were. He oked around to try to ease out of the line. y this time he was far enough inside, and e press of the crowd was so great he ould not get out of the line. He had no hoice but to continue with the group, who owly moved forward to the head of the ne. So it is with many other groups in hich we find ourselves. When we see the utcome of our presence, it is too late to do nything about it.

Who Is Everybody?

It is easy to excuse ourselves in our faults y saying that everybody has the same aults. This is a broad statement. "Every- ody" means just what it says. It means all ther people. This is not a true statement. ll people do not have the same faults. All o not do things which are questionable. It true that a certain crowd might do such hings. This crowd, however, is not every- ody. They are only a part. They are the nes who might be wrong. They are the nes who show weakness. Yes, we cannot xcuse ourselves by saying that everybody s doing something. We must think of our wn stand and not the weakness of others.

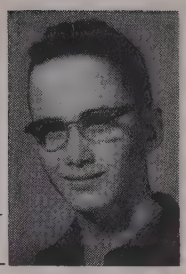
Constant Pressure

We are under constant pressure to do what others are doing. We might be called

"Everybody's Doing It"

I Kings 19:9-18

No. 1 in a Series: "Problems That Perplex"



July 8 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

TOPIC AIM

The aim of this topic is twofold. It should help Christian youth to realize that the crowd is not always right and that each person is responsible for his own actions.

"chicken" or "sissy" if we refuse to take part in some group activity. We might be cast out of a certain group if we do not conform to their standards. This is the pressure which we must stand for Christ and the Church. The pressure will not grow less as we grow older. In fact, the pressure might increase at some times. When we are adults, the pressure will take on different forms, but it will still be there. Unless the adult conforms, he is often apt to lose his job. He might be kept from a job advancement which he desires. This is the pressure which comes from being individual in our thoughts and lives.

However, this is nothing compared to the pressure which Christ faced. He stood the test and proved that man could follow God. With His living example and the power of the Spirit we can do great things with our lives.

Friendly Pressure

Our friends often attempt to mislead us. They do not do this with any intent to destroy or weaken us. They are often sincere in what they think. The pressure they bring upon us is misguided. We need to be aware of this danger. We need to have the strength to overcome this pressure. When friends try to mislead us, we should politely say "no" to their challenge. We should return the challenge by trying to lead these misguided people into the right path.

The Individual Self

Your personal belief and life are important. You are a person. You are an individual. It is true that the world is made up of groups — national, racial, social, etc. However, each person is important as an individual. He must act and do what he believes to be right. We take part in group activities, but we must also answer for our own personal behavior when we stand before God in judgment. The way we act as persons will determine where we spend eternity.

Thinking or Following

A person has two choices before him in our modern life of decisions. Of course, our society forces him to live and work with groups. This does not mean that he is completely subjected to the group. He may choose to think for himself. He may choose to be individualistic in his own life. He either thinks for himself or follows the group blindly. It is easier to follow. This requires little effort. The outcome, however, is not always desirable. Thinking requires effort. Being an individual is hard, but it will pay great dividends in one's life.

Beyond this, the thinking individual may become a leader for the group. He may lead others to right living. He may win them for Christ and the Church. This is our Christian mission. This is the purpose of our existence. Become a thinking individual. Give security to your own life, and give hope to those who will follow your example in a group.

High Ideals

Christ is the example of high ideals. He brought the greatest kind of life to this earth. His example is a pattern for everything we do. Let's consider some of the problems which youth face today.

High ideals in boy-girl relationship: This has been a problem since the beginning of society. What should be the attitude which a boy or girl has toward the opposite sex? We can turn to Christ for the answer. He would have us treat each other with the greatest of respect. He would have us to keep Him first in all we do. When we are pressured to be like a worldly group and to do the things they do, we should think of the high ideals, the Christian way, and be individualistic in the action we take.

High ideals in social functions: The group will often do things in order to be social. An example is social drinking. There are other such evils done in the name of being part of the group. This is only a blind to cover up the thing some want to do. It seems less evil when they do it collectively. However, this does not solve the problem. The only solution is to refrain from evil regardless of the title under which it comes to us.

High ideals in school: School groups may present quite a problem. A group may do some particular thing in the name of education. If it does not meet approval, the activity may be called extracurricular. This is not to condemn the school systems of our nations. It is simply to point out that herein lies a real danger. If Christian youth are aware of this danger, we can help to take higher ideals into school activities, whether educational or extracurricular.

A Still, Small Voice

God does not forsake His own. He will be with us in time of stress and problems. The story of Elisha tells about the way God works. He does not speak in some high and mighty way. We need to listen for the still, small voice of the Master. We need to study His Word and be guided by it. The loud noise of a group may attract attention, but it is the voice of God, however small, which gives the best guidance.

Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper, pastor of the General Baptist Church of Atchison, Kansas

The High Cost of Low Living

Matthew 6:24-34; Colossians 3:1-10

No. 1 in a Series: "Problems of Conduct"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **July 15**

Do It Now!

That's right, do it now! Assuming that you have been assigned this topic at an early date, begin your advance preparation right now. Don't put it off!

Check List

Here are a few of the things you will need to care for. Check them off as you plan them.

1. *Pray:* begin your planning with a prayer that the Holy Spirit will be your constant guide, strength, and help in preparing and presenting this topic.

2. *Enlist help:* scan over the topic material and determine how many persons will be needed to present the discussion effectively. Use your good judgment in selecting your help. Avoid choosing the same ones who have been before the group over and over again. You will be well pleased with what some of the others can do if given an opportunity.

3. *Plan your publicity:* Any topic will fall flat on its face if there is no one present to share it. And people can't and won't come if they don't know the answers to: What? Who? Where? When? Use the church bulletin, the bulletin board, unusual announcements in the Sunday school, post cards, the newspaper, and the telephone to inform youth concerning the meeting.

4. *Plan the service:* don't take anything for granted. Good programs just don't drop out of the blue. They come through prayer and work. From the opening song to the benediction, you must know what to do and why you are doing it.

What's It All About?

Young people often complain that living a Christian life is too hard. When they say this, they indicate they are thinking of the Christian life as being an experience of giving up something. And there is a certain amount of truth in this, for true discipleship is costly. We cannot deny that Christ asks His followers to deny themselves each day in taking up their crosses to follow Him.

But what these young people often fail to realize is that the refusal to be Christian is also costly. The purpose of this topic is to present the truth of this statement as presented in God's Word.

Two New Testament passages are the basis of our study. The first is a part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, and the second is a part of Paul's letter to the Colossians. Each offers an alternative: we can choose righteousness or evil. Each has a price, but only one is disastrously costly. As leader, you will want to challenge your friends to make the right choice for life.

Presenting the Topic

The presentation uses three different approaches: Bible study, an acrostic on the word "cost," and a discussion of questions growing out of the two previous presentations.

Let's Listen to God!

Read Matthew 6:24-34. The Sermon on the Mount is not a Christian ideal toward which we halfheartedly give our lives. It is a way of life in which men are to live by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. As recorded by Matthew, it describes the kind of person every Christian Endeavorer must be if he is truly Christian and is endeavoring for Christ and the Church. This means that each of us must choose the central drive of life—that which is to be our master.

Some people choose to live by faith as they trust themselves completely to God and His care. Others choose to live by their own wits, striving to provide for themselves all that they desire in life. They are the anxious ones who are always saying, "What shall we eat? What shall we drink? What shall we wear?"

He who lives by faith is in the care of God. He is not anxious since he knows that God will provide all of these things out of His love. To be sure, the provision may not be as plentiful nor as "splashy" as those of a neighbor. But neither do they come at the high price of anxiety.

This is what Jesus wants to say to young people today. Our modern insistence on "things" has cost us a high price in slipping moral values and tangled nerves and emotions.

Read Colossians 3:1-10. Paul addresses his thoughts to the same problem. That way of life which is Christian is constantly beset with the necessity of decision. One must set his mind on either Christ or the world. To gain the lasting life which will appear with Christ in His glory, we must put to death now those things of the low life: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and coveteousness. The high price of failing to do so is the wrath of God against sin. To fail to overcome these sins of the flesh by the grace of Jesus Christ is to put oneself under the judgment of God and to be cut off from His love. Lying, anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk all carry the high price tag of denying one's place in eternal life with Christ.

Let's Count the Cost!

With an acrostic of the word "cost" let's look at both the cost of low living and the cost of discipleship.

The "C" in Cost

"C" stands for *cut.* In the high cost of low living, one is cut off from every promise of God except one—the promise to hear the prayer of confession and to give forgiveness. Many people feel that they can live lowly and ask highly of God. This is not according to the Word of God!

In contrast, the relationship of discip ship means that we are cut off from temptation to live lowly. We put aside that which is of evil, but we have ope to us all the resources of eternal life and in Jesus Christ.

The "O" in Cost

"O" stands for the *offer* of oneself. In living, one pays the price of offering h self as a sacrifice to the lust of his flesh. as certainly as slaves were once bought sold without regard to their personal f ings, so one will become a slave to his ful desires.

In discipleship, the "O" stands for offer of oneself as a "living sacrifice" to G But this sacrificial life is not destroyed consumed by life's fickle ways. Instead becomes a source of blessing to all the w about instead of being consumed in self ness.

The "S" in Cost

"S" points out that we must *sell* all have. No matter which way one turns life—toward God or toward evil, there price to be paid. One who pursues the life finds himself selling his honor, rep tion, and even eventually the very thi which he set out to have in order to sat his evil drives. Consider the man chooses gambling as an easy road to m money. Statistics show that only the "p fessional crook" consistently wins. "sucker" always loses in the end. M wind up selling all they have to settle t gambling debts.

The disciple also sells all that he has, not for the emptiness of low living. He fi that in giving up all for Christ, he g everything (consider the Beatitudes in Sermon on the Mount).

The "T" in Cost

"T" stands for *total* commitment. Je said we serve one or the other of two m ters. The living of the low life is not ju part-time experience for "kicks." It is something to which we can turn for di sion. If we touch it, it becomes a part o and we soon are a part of it. Like lepr it will not let us go. How many alcoho started out with one glass of beer, many liars began with a simple exaggerat how many thieves began with taking pencil in school?

But discipleship also has its price commitment. One must give himself tot to Christ. Jesus said we are to seek Kingdom of heaven *first.*

From a consideration of this acrostic, cost can be counted. In order to live lo one must pay the high cost of being cut from the promises of God in Christ; must offer himself to be consumed in own desires; he must sell himself in sa fice to satisfy his passions; he must ev tually give himself totally to the form of he has chosen. The price is high whe ends in that eternal death which is wages of sin.

Let's Discuss It!

Is there really an "easy" way of l What are some forms the cost of low liv may take in one's own life? In the lives his family? In the community of which is a part? What is the fruit of a life lived Christ? Which life is most worthy of gift of ourselves?

Comments by Rev. George E. Weaver, pasto the Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Churc Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

"After Me, You Come First"

Luke 22:24-30

No. 2 in a Series: "Problems That Perplex"

July 15 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

ıblicity

Make a poster picturing a ball player with bat in hand saying, "I'm first batter!" In ge letters have the word "EGOITIS." In ghtly smaller letters have ". . . and what do about it." Also include the time, place, d other details of the meeting.

If the attendance at recent meetings has en low, send post card replicas of the ster to all members and prospects.

ıggested Program Outline

e-Prayer Service
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ader's Introduction
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ripture Reading: Luke 22:24-30
ng: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
izz Groups
ainstorming Session
ng: *Begin Each Day with Jesus*
ow to Be Happy
ripture Readings: Matthew 6:20,21; 6:33; 20:27,28
hat Would You Do?
ollow-Up Activities
losing Prayer

o the Leader

With your counselor's guidance, choose embers for each part of the program. Do is about two weeks in advance of the eeting. A few days later, check with each ae on the program to see how his prepaation is coming.

When you choose the other person for e skit (see below), set a time for reearsing it. Be sure to tell that person to eep this part of the program a secret. therwise, it will lose its effect.

Be sure that you or the person who is to resent "How to Be Happy" makes the ems for the flannel board in time to pracce using them.

Select three persons to recite *(not read)* e Scriptures from Matthew.

Introduce the topic by a skit which demnstrates selfishness. Have the skit immedtely after the prelude. You, the leader, and nother member should act like you're uarreling over who is going to sit in a cerain place or who is going to get up and peak first. Make a noise by knocking a hair over when you each try to sit on the ame one, or attract attention by speaking oudly, emphasizing "my" and "I," and then ushing each other.

Though this skit should be planned and racticed ahead of time, try to present it at he meeting as though it is entirely unrehearsed. You will be sure to capture attenion and get the point across.

After the skit say something like this: 'Don't get alarmed. *(Name of other person n skit)* and I really didn't mean it. That was ust our way of introducing 'Egoitis . . . nd what to do about it' or 'After Me, 'ou Come First,' the topic for this meeting."

o the Counselor

Help guide the leader in selecting persons or the various parts of this meeting.

After the assignments have been made, asually inquire of those who were assigned arts how they are coming with their preparation.

Supervise the rehearsal of the skit.

Think through the problems of "What Would You Do?" ahead of time and be prepared to present any vital considerations that your Junior Highs overlook. Also do the same in regard to the society follow-up project.

Buzz Groups

Appoint a leader for each of four groups. Divide the rest of your group into four smaller groups, by asking them to count off 1, 2, 3, 4.

Give each leader a slip of paper on which you have written the question for his group to consider.

The questions are these: 1. In what ways are we tempted to be selfish at home? 2. In what ways are we tempted to be selfish at school? 3. In what ways are we tempted to be selfish among our friends and neighbors? 4. In what ways are we tempted to be selfish at church?

After five or ten minutes ask each leader to relate the answers of his group.

(If your group is small, have the entire group discuss as many of these as you have time for.)

Brainstorming Session

If there are more than ten in attendance, choose about six persons to be brainstormers. If your group is less than ten, have everyone be a brainstormer.

Choose one person to record the ideas, one to be timekeeper, and one to be a bell ringer.

Deal with one question at a time. Allow three or four minutes for answering each question. All suggestions should be positive —things to do or be. If a negative suggestion is made, ring the bell.

The questions are these: 1. How can we demonstrate unselfishness at home? 2. How can we demonstrate unselfishness at school? 3. How can we demonstrate unselfishness among our friends? 4. How can we demonstrate unselfishness among our neighbors? 5. How can we demonstrate unselfishness at church?

How to Be Happy

How many of you would like to be happy all the time? *(Pause for show of hands.)* How many other people in the world want to be happy? *(Pause for brief answers.)* Yes, people everywhere are seeking for happiness.

Can you think of another word for happiness? *(Pause until someone says "joy.")*

Yes, joy is a synonym for happiness. Now I'm sure you all know how to spell "joy," but as we spell it out on this flannel board, notice what each of the three letters stands for and what order they must be in to spell "joy."

If we are to be truly happy, Jesus must be first in our lives. *(Put word "Jesus" on flannel board. The "J" should be larger than "esus." All the letters should be large enough so that everyone in the room can read them.)* Each day when we get up and each time we start to do something, we should first of all ask ourselves, "What would Jesus have me do? How would He have me do it?" When we think of who Jesus is and what He has done for us, we know He deserves first place.

After Jesus come others. *(Put "Others" on flannel board below "Jesus.")* Once we have asked ourselves, "Will this that I am about to do or say please Jesus?" then we should consider, "Will it please or hurt other people?"

First, think of Jesus, then of others, and last of all of yourself. *(Put "Yourself" on flannel board.)* It's all right to think of yourself, but you see that to spell "joy," you cannot put yourself ahead of Jesus or even ahead of others.

To have joy, you must put Jesus first. *(Put picture of Christ on flannel board in front of word "Jesus," and put the word "first" after "Jesus.")* Others must be second. *(Put a picture of a group of persons in front of word "Others," and "second" after "Others.")* You must be last. *(Put a smaller mirror in front of "Yourself" and the word "last" after it.)*

What Would You Do?

Ann's family recently moved. In their new neighborhood, no one has paid much attention to Ann even though she is quite attractive and friendly. That is, no one except Betty. She's tried to be Ann's friend. Betty would never win a beauty contest. She doesn't have any hobbies. She isn't a Christian.

What should Ann, an active Christian Endeavor member, do about Betty? Why?

Follow-Up Activities

Have a committee make copies of the suggestions made during the brainstorming session to distribute to each member.

Encourage each member to watch each day for at least one opportunity to demonstrate the Christian way of putting others ahead of himself.

As a society, plan or authorize one of your committees to plan a society project which expresses Christian love and concern for others. You might spend an afternoon at a children's or old people's home, playing games with the residents, reading to them, presenting a skit, teaching crafts, or sharing some of your hobbies with them.

Comments by Mary Lou Funk, associate editor of United Brethren publications, Huntington, Indiana

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, $5 per dozen, $40 per hundred.

Cheating Whom?

Song of Solomon 2:15; Matthew 21:28-32

No. 2 in a Series: "Problems of Conduct"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **July 22**

Promoting the Meeting

At least a week preceding the meeting, give a list of names of youth for each member to invite. Use the telephone to call absent members.

Get an announcement with full details into the church bulletin. Tell who will take part in the meeting.

Make posters for the bulletin board. One poster might show a student deep in thought and taking an examination with the caption "Should he cheat?"

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Service
Responsive Reading
Prayer (directed by leader)
Announcements and Offering
Scripture Reading: Song of Solomon 2:15; Matthew 21:28-32
Presentation of the Topic
  A. Introduction by the Leader
  B. The Pros and Cons
  C. Discussion
  D. Conclusions
Hymn
Benediction

(Suggested Hymns: *In My Heart There Rings a Melody; Give of Your Best to the Master; I Would Be True; O Jesus, I Have Promised; Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus)*

Presenting the Topic

The leader should serve as a moderator for the interview with the Pros and Cons. Seat all around a table with papers and books and perhaps a microphone. Follow their presentation with a group discussion.

Topic Introduction

The leader should introduce the topic by a brief talk. He might say something like the following:

The topic for our consideration in this meeting is "Cheating Whom?" We have asked four of our members to present the topic. Two of them, the Pros, will give reasons why cheating is not so bad after all. The other two, the Cons, will present the reasons why it is a bad and harmful practice. We are trying to look at what is being done today in a realistic fashion and come to the conclusion that Jesus would have us reach.

To cheat is to defraud or deceive. Some of the synonyms are: defraud, swindle, dupe, trick, hoax, bamboozle, mislead, hoodwink, or delude. One can cheat by a statement, a story, an act, or a series of items. In our discussion period we would like to determine just who is being cheated after all. As we listen to the presentations, let us think and be ready with our various ideas and views. The Pros will begin, and the Cons will follow, and I will lead the discussion. Ready now for the first Mr. Pro!

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Should students be requested to report cheating that they see?
2. Is cheating really a method of learning?
3. Name and discuss three things that motivate people to cheat.
4. Who really gets hurt by cheating?
5. Does the fear of severe punishment prevent cheating?
6. Does God forgive cheating? If so, on what terms?

The Pros

1. The first Mr. Pro (who urges that cheating is all right) could say: Cheat? Why not? Everybody does it! Look at all the kids in our school—they cheat. At examination time they copy and whisper the answers to one another. There are some who even get the questions from others who have taken the exam ahead of them. In some courses the same questions are used each year. There are students who have the answers on small bits of paper or even the cuff of their shirt. Everybody does it in some form.

And look at the automobile drivers. Everybody cheats. Each driver breaks the law. Everybody breaks the speed limit, and they think nothing of it unless they get caught. Lots of them don't stop when they are supposed to according to the signs. Just count how many cars are not legally parked! Everybody does it.

2. The second Mr. Pro might argue as follows: Let me point out that in school cheating is just another way to learn. School is supposed to help you learn. What is the difference whether you learn a date by reading it out of a book or by looking over someone's shoulder and copying it from his examination paper? In either case you are learning the date, and isn't that what school is supposed to do for you? Results are what you are after. Anyway, a lot of things you learn in school you never use when you get out. What do you suppose Latin will do for you when you sell shoes for a living? But while you are in school you have to satisfy a teacher and pass the course, and if you must cheat to do it—well, what difference does it make?

What about misrepresentation in advertising? Isn't that a form of cheating? The commercials have exaggerated for so long that no one believes them. All the superlative words are used to describe product X, and another company uses statements just as superlative to describe its produ It looks to me as if cheating isn't very i portant after all.

The Cons

1. The first Mr. Con (who points out th cheating is wrong) says: Claiming th cheating is a common practice and offerin that as a reason for making it all right to c will not hold water. There are lots of pe ple who steal, lie, and commit other wrong and we do not accept their actions as righ

Furthermore, not everyone does che There are many in every school that do n ever cheat in any form. It is certain that a secret poll were taken, it would show th a very high percentage do not copy otherwise get illegal help. The old sayin "everyone does it" can never be supporte This is an emotional argument and not realistic reason. Actions are not excused these grounds. Everyone is responsible f his or her own acts and cannot place t blame on someone else. The education system opposes in every way the habit cheating. Teachers reject it and seek to co rect it. One college in a great Midweste university requires each student to write his examination paper that he did not eith give or receive help. Certainly these instit tions and mature leaders would not ta such positions if cheating were of no i portance.

It may be that some courses in scho have no direct bearing on a student's futu vocation. But does such an excuse give o the right to break the rules of the schoo On the other hand, the course may stimula the mind, develop the thinking processe and inform the student about other areas life. Wider knowledge helps him understar the problems of other people, and he m find that this is the basis of success in a field. Assuming that a course is of no futu value is not an excuse that permits cheatin

2. The second Mr. Con presents materi on cheating from the Bible. He might sa The Bible has always condemned decepti in any form and commended integrity a honesty. Because he was hungry, Esau so his birthright to his brother Jacob. Th Jacob arranged to deceive his father order to secure the blessing. He broug food to his father and covered his hands a neck with goat skin so that his father wou think he was touching Esau, for Esau w a hairy man. But Jacob had to flee from h home in order to save his life, for his broth would have killed him. *(See Genesis 27)*

Or look at the deception of Ananias a his wire Sapphira, who pretended to ma a certain gift to the church when in reali they had kept a part of it. They lost th lives for this attempt to cheat the Lord. *(S Acts 5:11)*

The parable in the topic Scripture is o that deals with deception. Even though o of the sons in the story changed his mi and obeyed his father, we still dislike deceptive ways. Paul would urge the d velopment of positive qualities like tho listed in Galatians 5:22-25. He who che is the one who loses in the end.

Comments by Elwood Dunn, general secretary the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union a chairman of the Youth Work Committee of t International Society

the Leader and/or Counselor

you have been following the sugges- in the Program Guide for Junior Highs, is the third week a problem box, into h personal questions can be dropped, been available at the Sunday evening ings. The majority of the questions will ably be on following the crowd, selfish- and cliquishness, as these are the gen- topics for these weeks. Tonight is the t to open the box, reading and answer- he questions. It might be well to have nel consisting of the counselor and/or or, a parent, a church officer, and a olteacher, perhaps even one of the teen- s, to discuss these problems one by one. ublicize the meeting beforehand by use e church bulletin, bulletin board, and uncements at other youth organizations gatherings. If you begin in time, plan meeting in conjunction with the leaders uly 8 and 15. Weather permitting, meet the church lawn, on a porch, or in a .

gested Program Outline

Prayer Service
ude: *I Need Jesus* or *Dear Lord and ather of Mankind*
nn: *More Like the Master*
er by the Leader
nn: *Trusting Jesus* or *I Would Be Like esus*
pture Reading: James 2:1-9
er (Encourage more participation by miting the prayers to one sentence per erson. Specify clearly.)
nn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
ouncements
ering and Offertory Prayer
cial Music
ic Introduction by Leader
cussion of Topic
el: Discussion of Problem Box Questions
sing Hymn: *Where He Leads Me*
pah Benediction

pic Introduction

s leader, introduce the topic in your n words. Refer to the discussions in the t two meetings. Explain that these are mal teen-age problems. Yet teen-agers o are Christian are to be above normal the way they handle such matters. Point the necessity of having friends, some ser than others. This should not be to the ent of shunning others, making them feel wanted. Give illustrations of how our at- ides say "Get lost," even though our lips't form the words.

The forming of cliques is a serious prob- n, and it so frequently happens among n-agers. Youth are frequently hurting ers, and frequently being hurt. Help the up to understand that cliques exist, not ly in school and social groups, but in urch organizations as well.

sus Loves All

As always, Jesus sets the example for us. loved all people, even those who found so easy not to love Him. He was observed the fields, on the roads, and in the market ace, by those who wanted to accuse Him d destroy Him. They were insistent even the point of having Him nailed to the cross, begging for the release of a murderer, Barabbas. After all the torment and ridicule that followed, He was still able to say, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He loved in the midst of hate. He showed concern and thought, even when those for whom He was concerned were being cruel.

Surely He means for us to love *all* people, being harsh and cruel to no one. We are not to be respecters of persons. We must love whether one is rich or poor, black or white, lame of limb or upright in body, silly or sane.

"Get Lost"

James 2:1-9

No. 3 in a Series: "Problems That Perplex"

July 22 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is a clique?
2. What is wrong with a clique? What harm can it do?
3. What should a Christian youth do when he discovers himself to be a part of a clique?
4. Is it possible that there are cliques in our society which keep one or more persons away? If so, what can we do about the situation?
5. What can we do as a society to "take in" those who always seem to be left out? How can we assure that this will be done permanently?
6. What are some worthwhile ways in which to "get lost"?

Go the Second Mile

Young people are so frequently annoyed by other young people because they borrow all the time, they talk too much or too loud, they brag, they get better grades or poorer grades, and for countless other reasons or excuses. Stop and take account of yourself! In what ways are you annoying? If you are fortunate enough to have many friends, did you ever stop to think what it would be like to be shunned? Imagine yourself on the outside of a clique! Heartbreaking, isn't it?

In this frame of mind, determine to go the second mile when you see another shunned. Here is an opportunity to exert love you didn't know was within you, to be understanding beyond your normal ability. When others form a circle to shut one out, take advantage of the opportunity to open your arms and take that one in.

Judge Not

Whenever one is crushed by the attitude of others, it is no doubt because he has been judged falsely, or even rightly, by them. How wrong it is to judge! How ashamed of us our God must be! We did not choose our color, our parents, our neighborhood, our mentality, our defects of body, our environment, our wealth or poverty, our present understanding of religion. Why should we judge anyone we think not equal to us in any of these respects or others? "Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged," said Christ in His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:1,2a).

Do not treat or mistreat another as you would not want to be treated!

Let Your Light Shine

Someone is looking to you for an example. Someone knows that you go to Christian Endeavor, to church, or to Sunday school. Because of this, more is expected of you than those who don't go. Therefore, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." This is another saying of Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:16).

You might be the only Bible that someone will ever read. Whom have you shunned? Whom have you closed out of your circle of friends, intentionally or unintentionally? Is it because you think yourself better than they are? If you think this is not the reason, what is the reason?

Get Lost!

Cliques are in evidence, not only in school and at social gatherings, but right in church and its organizations as well. Such behavior is unchristian.

Did you ever say "Get lost!" when someone tagged you around or tried to come into your presence and your circle of friends? If you didn't say it, did you think it? If you didn't think it, might your very actions have said it?

Everyone needs friends and companions. Let us not deprive anyone of that privilege. Everyone has at least one good point. Make it a habit to look for the good in others. When conversation leads to "tearing someone down," so shape your portion of the conversation to build that person up. After a few statements the rest are bound to catch on and attempt to join your point of view.

"Get lost" in the campaign of seeking and proclaiming good in others; lose yourself in demonstrating Christian love. "Get lost" in the drive of seeking out the unlovely and making them lovable. "Get lost" in the desire to have no part in cliques. But be careful not to form a clique in the very act of avoiding cliques!

Comments by Pearl F. Reed, director of Christian Endeavor and church secretary of First Church of Evans, Derby, New York

Hang Out Your Lamps

Matthew 5:14-16

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **July 29**

Publicity

At the Sunday school hour distribute small construction paper lamps that give information concerning the topic and program for the Christian Endeavor meeting that night.

You might also make lamps to hang on the bulletin board or across the classrooms in which youth meet on Sunday morning. Include necessary information concerning the meeting.

For the meeting you may be able to decorate the room with different types of lamps and candles. Various members of your congregation will probably be glad to loan lamps for the meeting. Be sure to handle them carefully and to return them promptly.

At the front of the room place in large letters on a string or on the chalkboard the words "Hang Out Your Lamps." Perhaps it will be possible to have the meeting by the light of the lamps or candles.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Chorus: *Saved to Tell Others*
Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14-16
Prayer
Special Music, such as *Fill All My Vision*
Announcements and Offering
Directed Prayer
Hymn: *Send the Light*
Topic Introduction
Buzz Sessions
Summary by Leader
Prayer of Dedication
Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*
Benediction

For the Leader

Prepare in advance four sheets of paper with the discussion material for each buzz group. Also provide paper and pencil for each recorder.

Divide the society into four groups of approximately equal number and ability. Appoint a leader to moderate and a secretary to record all findings of the group. Give the leader the written assignment the group will do orally. Give the groups about twelve minutes for their discussions. Following the period the groups should report all findings, and the leader should give a summary.

You may divide the group by counting off up to four. All one's go into a group, all two's, etc.

Concerning the directed prayer period, the leader should ask the group to pray silently as he suggests things for which they might pray.

Topic Introduction

The leader should explain that this topic is suggested by the fifteenth-century practice in England of hanging out lanterns on winter evenings, in compliance to the order of the Lord Mayor. Each evening lamplighters would go through the streets shouting, "Hang out your lamps."

Point out that Jesus gave a similar command when He told each disciple, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Emphasize that each Christian youth in your society and around the world needs to "hang out his lamp" so that other youth about him may see Christ living in him and be influenced to submit themselves to Him. It may be possible to refer to specific areas in which the light of Christ is needed in your own community.

Indicate that this meeting should help your members to become better witnesses for Christ. Explain that the topic will be discussed in buzz groups, reports, and a closing summary. Then proceed to divide into groups for the discussion.

Buzz Sessions

Group I: Christ Living in Me

1. Read John 15:4-7 and II Corinthians 5:17. Show how these Scriptures affect our relationships with others in letting Jesus Christ be seen in our lives.
2. In the light of these passages, upon what is our spiritual fruit bearing dependent?
3. List ways teen-agers can grow "in Christ."
4. Why is it necessary to have Jesus Christ living in us before we can "hang out our lamps"?
5. What should be the result of my life in Christ in relation to a world in spiritual darkness?

Group II: Allegiance to Christ

1. Define the word "allegiance."
2. Read Matthew 16:24,25. What relation does this passage have with Christian youth and allegiance to Jesus Christ?
3. List areas of life of teen-agers where allegiance is shown (for example, school activities, sports, social events, home).
4. Discuss ways whereby Christian young people may demonstrate Christian allegiance practically and effectively.

Group III: Influencing Others for Christ

1. Why is it important that Christian youth exert proper influences on other lives?
2. Tell how the following persons influenced other lives: Andrew, Stephen, Paul.
3. Mention some familiar persons who have been an effective influence for Jesus Christ.
4. Relate Colossians 3:17 to our Christian influence.
5. List specific ways by which you ca fluence other teen-agers to come to Christ personally.

Group IV: Let Your Light Shine

1. What is the purpose of light?
2. Read John 8:12 and Matthew 5:16 late light, as mentioned by Jesus, to Christian and his life in this world.
3. Mention specific ways in which passages can become vital and real in life.
4. Since Christian youth are to "hang their lamps" that others may know Christ, what will be the obvious resul our own lives if we are obedient to command of our Saviour?

Leader's Summary

We glean from our buzz groups that are to understand certain things about have a specific knowledge of our Lord fore we can effectively "hang out our lar as Christians.

First, we understand that we must k what it means to have Christ actively ing in us. Before we can let our lights s before men we must personally know One who is Light, the Lord Jesus Ch We must know Him not only with our m but in reality with our wills. Withou there can be no light for the lamp. Wit a personal knowledge of Christ there be no life.

Secondly, we see that as believer Christ we have a definite responsibilit show allegiance to Him. Our allegianc Christ is a visible indication of ours to Word.

We then find, in the third place, tha a result of our allegiance to Jesus Ch we will be a means of influencing c teen-agers to accept Him for their c love Him, and serve Him. Our knowl of and obedience to our Saviour will n our influence vital.

Fourth, we are then driven to the c mand of letting our lights so shine be others in every area of life that they not only see Him, but will also accept and ultimately bring glory to our heav Father.

Just how effective is our Christian lif home, at school, at church, and in our c munity? What bearing does the ligh Christ have on our decisions, our ambiti and our motives?

The Lord Jesus Christ has given all c a command. We might call it "Hang Your Lamps." As Christian youth are seeing others respond to this great Ligh us by surrendering their own lives to H

Prayer of Dedication

Following the summary the leader wish to set aside time for those who so sire to pray aloud to express their own mission and obedience to Jesus Christ.

Do not be afraid of silence. Give suffic time for all to pray silently and aloud they desire. The leader should give closing prayer.

Comments by Nancy E. Lipscomb, directo Christian education of the United Presbyt Church of Kenmore, New York

All youth are urged to read the Bible re ing for each day of the week on page 26 preparing to participate in their Christ Endeavor meetings on Sunday.

vertising the Meeting

he most effective advertising for this ting could be done by a glass-covered etin board that could be lighted by con- ed lighting. Turn the bulletin board in- night sky by the use of dark blue crepe er and silver stars of a transparent ma- al. Behind this (and not touching) e some electric lights that are on a ker. If possible, prepare this two weeks ore your meeting. Have it in operation never anyone is at the church so it will ertise constantly.

Vording should be kept simple and ap- ling so that youth will be attracted in a way that only attendance at the eting will satisfy. Use such phraseology *Secret Destination: Keep Your Date with Stars at Junior High Christian Endeavor eting, Sunday, July 29.*

On the Sunday evening prior to this meet- "pin" each one present with a silver star ouncing the Date with the Stars, time, l place of gathering.

pe of Meeting

Do plan to have your meeting outside and er dark, if at all possible, so you will enabled truly to be out in God's world sidering His heavens, firsthand. Such a eting does not lend itself too much to cussion, but other means of individual ticipation can be planned that will be y effective. It would be best to meet at church building at a designated time l to proceed from there so as to avoid erruptions that might spoil the effective- s of the experience.

ace of Meeting

Choose the actual site for your meeting th care, because it will have much to do th the success of your program. It should the most beautiful, natural, and attain- le isolated spot that it is possible to find— e in which the very atmosphere breathes presence of God. It should be such a ot that would cause all who enter it to use for a moment and have within their arts the overwhelming conviction that "the rd is in His holy temple; let all the rth keep silence before Him."

dvance Preparation

It will be profitable for all who attend to end a few moments together before leav- g the church on the way to the selected ot. Seek their cooperation that after a rtain spot is reached there will be no lking. This spot could be designated by deavorers sent out ahead of time and sta- ned at the correct spot; it could be desig- ted by battery-operated star lights hung certain trees.

The right approach will bring your meet- g to the desired climax at the appropriate ne. Instructions should also be given at is time as to seating desired, places of oup participation, etc.

re-Prayer Service

The leader should get all his key people gether at least half an hour before the nounced assembly time and have a Quiet our pre-prayer service. Ask your minister, hristian Endeavor counselor, or another lult to guide your thoughts on the verse, Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 3:10). After a few moments of guided thought, have silent, guided prayer for each phase of your meeting.

"When I Consider Thy Heavens"

Psalm 8

July 29 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

OUR AIMS

1. To realize that this is our Father's world
2. To learn to look for and to find God as Creator of all the beauties of His world
3. To be prepared to rejoice whenever we see any of God's handiwork

Program Outline

Entry into Worship Area: Have all sing the first two verses of *This Is My Father's World* and remain standing for the Call to Worship

Call to Worship: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).

"I will lift up my eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help" (Psalm 121:1).

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God" (Psalm 42:1).

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

Invocation: Have the entire group sing as a choral response the fourth verse of *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind:*

"Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace."

Singing unto the Lord: Have a good song service of well-known songs that will continue to draw and hold the Christian Endeavor members in a spirit of reverence before the majesty of their Maker. Use such songs as *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (first two stanzas); *Holy, Holy, Holy* (last stanza); *It Took a Miracle; Near to the Heart of God;* and *Now the Day Is Over.* (These are not necessarily in the order you would want to use them.) Have the best song leader available and instrument accompaniment if possible.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8; 46:1-11; Genesis 1:14-16

Solo: *How Great Thou Art*

Message: "His Guiding Hand" or film (see below)

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Moments of Dedication

Sentence Prayers

Benediction

Special Program Notes

Soloist: The solo, to be more effective, should be handled in one of two ways. 1. If possible and practical, the leader should ask the group in silence to look up to the stars while the solo is being sung. 2. The other way would be for all to have heads bowed and eyes closed in meditation as it is sung.

Message: If at all possible, secure a Christian astronomer to speak to the group presenting God's heavens in their majesty plus an application to everyday life in a space age for Junior High youth. Have especially the thought played up: "He made the stars also." Your own minister could handle this admirably if an astronomer could not be secured.

Film: In place of a talk, Moody Science Films has available an excellent color film on God's heavens that would be appropriate to use, if extension cords and electrical outlets are available.

Moments of Dedication: By advance instructions, at the close of the hymn following the message (or film) all participants should quietly stand, using the outline of a large star drawn on the ground, hands joined, while the leader guides their thoughts in silent meditation, taking thoughts from the stars; such thoughts might be "shining for Christ," "shining brightest when it's darkest," "staying in the appointed place," etc. This should be followed by sentence prayers by all who will participate. Have the points of the star equipped with flashlights to help show the outline.

Benediction: After the benediction is pronounced, while all are still standing in the shape of the star, have each one face whatever direction is necessary to have the person who stands at the apex of the star lead all away from the worship place in single file, silently, until they are past the place where their silence began on the way to the service.

Alternative Suggestion

If it is impossible to have an outdoor meeting place for this Christian Endeavor meeting, it could be held indoors by means of definite planning. For an indoor meeting an outdoor scene could be fixed by proper decorations. By a little hard work the ceiling could be changed into a night sky full of stars. The work, though time consuming, would certainly be rewarding.

Comments by Mrs. Newell Morgan, an elementary schoolteacher and wife of the minister of First Christian Church of Boise, Idaho

Pictures of Christian Endeavorers being carried currently on the topic pages are used to represent all Christian youth who study these topics in the weekly meetings of their societies.

Mind Your Manners!

Romans 12:1-8

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **August 5**

Promoting the Meeting

The leader should search out from current magazines or newspapers such items on courtesy or good manners as attract attention by illustration or heavy type. Many daily papers and young people's magazines carry these columns regularly. Clip and arrange these on the bulletin board in the meeting room one week in advance to arouse interest in the topic of manners.

Include in the display, as a hint to the spiritual aspect of the theme, a copy of the church bulletin which may carry suggestions to the ushers as to when to seat worshipers. Underline in red such suggestions.

Advance Preparation

The leader should also invite a dean from the local high school or college who could give a talk on the sincerity and honesty of good manners as a mark of Christian character as opposed to the common confusion among young people that courtesy, toward adults especially, is merely "apple polishing." *(See outline below)*

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *O Worship the King*
Opening Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Leader's Introduction
Bible Studies (including related hymns)
Talk by Guest Speaker: "True Nature and Value of Good Manners"
Silent Prayer
Benediction

Leader's Introduction

The leader may step to the chalkboard and write:

Politeness is to do and say
The kindest thing in the kindest way.

In our early schooldays most of us had the same or a similar precept presented to us when the words had little or no meaning, except that we learned in a happy sort of way that we were to consider others. Then our teachers and our parents continued this impression by planning circumstances under which we were to give preference to others and by pointing out in our daily schedule the courteous acts and words to use. Such was the little verse:

Hearts like doors will open with ease
To "Thank you, Sir," and "If you please!"

These early ideas of courtesy prepared us for the close relation between being well-bred and being Christian. Our major Scripture reference gives us a message to that effect. *(Read Romans 12:1-8)*

Bible Studies

Give these Scripture references and comments to individuals who will read the same in the meeting and supplement the comments with observations and/or experiences of their own.

1. *Read Luke 2:52.* Christ, our perfect example in all points of living, is reported to have "increased in favor with God and man." Herein lies the secret of successful living. In Romans 12:18 we are urged "if it be possible, to live peaceably with all men." This brings to mind several problems. One is the insight necessary to distinguish between passive resistance, even to evil, and active support of righteous causes. The other, and the one which is of more vital concern to us in the formative years of life, is the difference between natural courtesy springing from thoughtfulness of others and the insincere submission which stems from thought of possible favor for oneself.

2. *Read Mark 1:35.* We have already considered Christ as one who in His youth grew in favor with men. This passage of Scripture gives us a picture of how He grew in favor with God, His Father. Each one of us who has had experience in summer conference of our church or in Christian youth conventions knows what an important place on the program is given to daily personal devotions in the hope that such will become habitual. Like Christ, we should take time to pray in the morning before we get into the busy schedule of our day.

Let us sing the chorus *I See Jesus* (or a similar hymn such as *Ere You Left Your Room This Morning*).

3. *Read Daniel 6:1-23,28.* Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes in Babylon, because "an excellent spirit was in him." Those who were jealous of him could find no fault in him. He conducted himself toward men so that even his political enemies had to resort to scheming to harm him. They persuaded the king to sign a decree that men should pray only to him. However, Daniel conducted himself so faithfully toward God, as he continued in his personal devotions of prayer openly and regularly three times daily, that God was well pleased and delivered him from harm. He trusted in God as he continued to worship Him daily, and God was faithful in caring for him and causing him to prosper even though he continued to live in a heathen land and to work among a heathen people.

4. *Read II Peter 1:1-11.* This Scripture leads us to believe that courtesy is a part of Christian character and a natural part of Christian growth into maturity. F courtesy is "brotherly kindness"; it i gradual process which terminates in m bership in the "everlasting kingdom of Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

5. *Read John 4:23-24.* If we defer to ot persons around us daily, we most c tainly owe honor and reverence to God should show such in our manner of en ing and conducting ourselves in His ho *(Take one of your church bulletins and low through item by item, explaining h your own congregation seeks to show ho to God by their manner and order of w ship. If you do not feel capable of do this, invite your minister to assist you.)*

Let us sing the hymn *Take Time to Holy* as an expression of the proper attit in worship.

6. *Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-5.* Reverence ward God is shown by the fact manner of public worship. We show courtesy to our friends by visiting in th homes and deferring to their wishes wh there. When we enter the house of God is to listen, to keep the commandment assembling together for the breaking bread, to pray, and to bring our offerin Significant to those who would let th minds wander should be the reminder t God is in heaven and we are upon ea and, therefore, we should be humble. J as it is rude when visiting in the house one friend to pay our attention to anot person than the host, so we should reme ber that we have come to God's house "sing unto the Lord," to "worship and b down before Him," and to "hear the prea ing of His word."

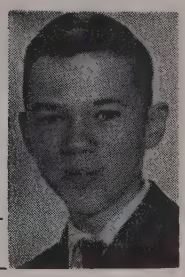
7. *Read Psalm 24:3-4.* Reverence to C and humility in His house require p sonal preparation for worship. Jesus sa "Not every one that saith unto me, Lo Lord, shall enter into the kingdom heaven; but he that doeth the will of Father" (Matthew 7:21). So considerat of others that they may also serve and w ship is a proper spirit for worship. Son times during the worship service youth te to prompt one another to inattention laughter or some other disturbing noi Thus, they are being rude themselves a preventing others from the proper court and conduct.

Acts 3:1 states that Peter and John "w up together into the temple at the hour prayer." One of the greatest joys in the l of any Christian is the sharing of pub worship, and this is especially true of you Christians who are naturally at a social age. But people who are not sincere in t presence of God are spoken of in the Bil as those who worship with their mouth a honor God with their lips but their heart far from Him . . . they worship in va Those shall stand in His holy place w have "clean hands and a pure heart." M of all we honor God by being sincere in c purpose for entering the place of worsh and remembering that purpose througho the service.

Comments by Edna A. Pyle, a junior hi schoolteacher and librarian in Vincennes, India

Near to the Heart of God

James 4:7-10; Luke 18:9-14



August 5 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is meant by being "near to the heart of God"?
2. Why should one want to get near to the heart of God?
3. How does one get near to the heart of God?
4. What are the results of being near to the heart of God?
5. How is one different after he is near to the heart of God?

r Aims

. To cultivate appreciation of daily de- onal life through the Quiet Hour

. To realize that there is satisfaction ar to the heart of God" that can be at- ed through no material gain

. To strive to grow toward maturity in relationship to Christ and our service in church

ggested Program Outline

-Prayer Service
nouncements
mns: *Sweet Hour of Prayer; 'Tis So Sweet o Trust in Jesus*
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blicity

A poster could be made in the shape of a art, representing the place near to the art of God. A smaller heart could be ced upon the large one, showing how the liever can be near to the heart of God. t this on your bulletin board to announce e meeting beforehand.

Smaller hearts with details of the meet- g could also be given to the Junior Highs your church and community as an invi- ion to attend.

pic Introduction

Man is the only being in God's whole eation to whom He has given the capacity r an awareness of God. Our purpose for ing on this earth is to glorify God in our es. An unbeliever does not glorify God. od has given certain ones of His human eation the desire to seek Him, to know im, and to serve Him. It has been said at the human heart is restless until it finds rest in God. In our discussion tonight we all endeavor to discover the meaning of ming near to the heart of God, the means coming near to the heart of God, and the lue of being near to the heart of God.

There must be a deep and genuine desire the part of the person involved to find is place, and having found it, to stay near to the heart of God." Then only will ne find joy, peace, and contentment in hristian living, and receive the strength nd courage to live a purposeful life for our aviour.

iscussion of Topic

(In the development of this topic the six ajor points of the hymn Near to the Heart f God *from which the topic has received s title should be emphasized. Assign these various members.)*

1. There is a place of quiet rest. The ymn writer makes a simple statement of act. There is a place of quiet rest in con- rast to a place of strenuous activity. Junior ighs are busy with school studies, extra- urricular activities, social activities, church ctivities, and family relationships. All these have a legitimate place in life, but how refreshing to know that there is a place of quiet rest where one can meet alone with God! The geographical location of the place is unimportant; the importance of the place lies in the fact that it brings one close to God.

2. It is a place where sin cannot molest. Something is barred from entering this place of quiet rest. It is sin. Sin is forbidden to enter this place, for it would keep it from being a place of quiet rest. Sin would disrupt the sweet fellowship. Satan is bold and will try to enter this sacred place, but being near to the heart of God, we cannot be harmed by Satan. The quiet rest may remain unbroken even after we have left the quiet place.

3. It is a place of comfort sweet. In life's experiences, sooner or later, there will be disappointments, frustrations, and grief. Some people resign themselves to the fact that these difficult experiences are crosses to be borne. We must be reconciled to them. These experiences come to us because we belong to the human race and unbelievers share these experiences with us. Unbelievers do not bear crosses however, because they do not believe in Christ. Only Christians carry crosses which accompany Christian living through commitment to Christ. Therefore, it is only the Christian who can find the sweet comfort which the Lord has for His own, near to the heart of God. In Isaiah 66:13 the Lord tells how He comforts us, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you." Just as a child goes to his mother for comfort in times of stress, so the Christian goes to his heavenly Father for comfort when the cross seems heavy to bear.

4. It is a place where we and our Saviour meet. Have you ever looked forward to meeting someone whom you secretly admired only to find as you met this person that you were tongue-tied and that you felt uncomfortable in his presence? It is not so when we meet our Saviour near to the heart of God.

How can we meet Him? We can meet Him by going to the throne of grace where He sits on the right hand of God the Father. God hears our prayers for Jesus' sake. He loves us far more than we can love Him: He even died for us that we might live. As we come to God, we find we are in the presence of our Christ, our Redeemer.

5. There is a place of full release. Perhaps you wonder what the term "full release" means. "Full" in this instance means complete. "Release" means being set free. In this place near to the heart of God, one is completely set free. Being set free suggests that one must have been imprisoned or bound in some way or another in order to be set free. Near to the heart of God, we find that we have been set free from the guilt of sin. Jesus has paid the price of our redemption from sin, and we have only to accept His atonement for us to be set free from the guilt of sin and have the assurance of eternal life. What a full release!

6. It is a place where all is joy and peace. When one is near to the heart of God, he experiences joy and peace. He experiences joy because he has found that the longing of his heart has been satisfied, having found rest near to the heart of God. It is a place of peace, for no troubles and heartaches can conquer the spirit when the soul has made peace with God. Near to the heart of God, we find all that is needed for life here and in the world to come. Won't you come near to the heart of God in the fellowship of prayer, meditation upon God's Word, and in commitment to Him?

Consecration Service

If this is your monthly consecration meeting, perhaps you can ask the Endeavorers to respond to roll call with a line or a stanza from an appropriate hymn. Such songs as *Begin Each Day with Jesus, I Surrender All, When I Kneel Down to Pray,* and *Trusting Jesus* bring out the major thought of this topic.

Perhaps an opportunity could be given for Junior Highs to commit themselves to become members of the Quiet Hour in a candlelight service. Each youth making the commitment could light a small candle from a large one and repeat the Quiet Hour covenant.

Quiet Hour enrollment cards and folders called "What Is the Quiet Hour?" (with new copy) are available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

A member of the Devotional Committee might use this folder in explaining the Quiet Hour to your society. Other members of the committee might tell what the observance of the Quiet Hour has meant to them personally.

Comments by Kate Vanderberg, teacher of Bible and English at Timothy Christian High School in Cicero, Illinois

Roll Call of the Faithful

Acts 1:6-8; 8:1

No. 1 in a Series: "Getting Acquainted with the Christian Church"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **August 12**

Promoting the Meeting

Have inserted in the church bulletin a notice announcing the meeting with full particulars. Invite all youth to come and cast their vote for those whose names and deeds will be presented for election to the Christian Hall of Fame.

Send out to each youth a postal card announcing the meeting with full details and on the bottom half a ballot listing the names of the candidates to be offered and alongside each a box for marking "yes" or "no" in the meeting.

Suggested Program Outline

Hymn Sing: a verse or two from *The Church's One Foundation, We've a Story to Tell to the Nations, Faith of Our Fathers*
Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Scripture: Acts 1:6-8; 8:1
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Presentation of Topic
Casting and Tabulating of Ballots
Hymn of Victory: *Lead On, O King Eternal*
Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

Guidance for Leader

Assign to a member of the group as far in advance as possible the task of presenting the case in favor of electing his candidate to the Christian Hall of Fame. Choose as many members as you will have candidates to present. Allow but ten minutes at most to each.

You will introduce each speaker. You may wish to have these speakers dressed in a white sheet wrapped around the body and the end thrown over the shoulder like the Romans of old. Following the presentations, allow the audience to vote on the ballots given out beforehand. Have two of the audience tally them and give you the results. Then make formal announcement as to their worthiness to be elected to the Christian Hall of Fame.

Leader's Introduction

In Cooperstown, New York is located baseball's Hall of Fame. All the famous personalities associated with this sport and deemed worthy have their names enshrined there to honor them for their accomplishments and contributions to the dignity of this game.

In like manner, we would like to present to you some of the early heroes of the Christian Church and their worthiness to be enshrined in the Christian Hall of Fame. Each will be presented by a chosen spokesman who will make out a case in behalf of his hero. After all the names have been thus presented, you are asked to cast your ballot for or against each candidate's worthiness to be placed on the Roll of the Christian Faithful and given an honored place in the Christian Hall of Fame.

Stephen, the First Christian Martyr

Let the spokesman for Stephen consult Acts 6:1-7:60 for the information he will need to draw up his case. As to the character of Stephen consult Acts 6:3,5,8,15; 7:60. As to his work, he was the first to be selected as a deacon (Acts 6:5), a worker of miracles (Acts 6:8), a forceful preacher (Acts 7:2-53), the first martyr (Acts 7:59, 60). As to his belief, let a study be made of his speech before the Sanhedrin in defense of his views. Be sure to point out how his beliefs mark the transition from Jewish to Gentile Christianity, that is, Christianity could not be limited by Judaism. The result of his work and speech and death was a persecution of the church which had the effect of carrying the Gospel to Samaria and Antioch of Syria.

Philip, the Evangelist

For information about this man the speaker should consult: Acts 6:1-6; 8:4-40; 21:7-9. As to his work, he was one of the first seven deacons (Acts 6:1-6); following the dispersion occasioned by Stephen's death he became an evangelist in Samaria and wrought miracles and made many converts (Acts 8:4-8; 21:8), among them Simon Magus (Acts 8-9-25) and the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-39). He preached in Ashdod, or Azotus (Acts 8:40) and continued up the coast evangelizing until he came to Caesarea. There he remained with his four virgin daughters, who had the gift of prophecy, carrying on his goodly work. Years later, when Paul was returning to Jerusalem from his third missionary journey, he was a guest at Philip's house, deeming him and his family worthy hosts. Thus, Philip did much to spread the Gospel even as far as Ethiopia through his conversion of a high official from that land.

Barnabas, Son of Exhortation

For resource material the speaker should study Acts 4:36,37, which informs us that he was a Levite of Cyprus, converted to Christianity, who sold his land and gave the money to the apostles in Jerusalem, thereby revealing the thoroughness of his devotion to Christ as contrasted with the behavior of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11). See also Acts 9:26,27, in which he defends the new convert Paul, making him acceptable to the Christian leaders and removing their apprehension. This reveals much about the character of the man.

See also Acts 11:19-24, which reveals the confidence placed in him by the leaders of the church in Jerusalem in sending him to Antioch to aid the successful work being done there. See further Acts 11:25-30, which underscores the goodly work in Antioch, bearing fruit in the form of a generous response of these Gentile Christians to the needs of the suffering Jewish Christians in Jerusalem,

Peter, First Leader of the Church

Since the material on Peter is somew abundant, a careful selection should made to drive home several points wh should qualify him for this honor. It mi be well to stress his qualities of ar earnestness, courage, vigor, and impetuo as revealed in such passages as Matthew 18; Luke 22:31-34; John 1:42; 13:6-9; 10,15,16. Then show how he finally u these qualities as Jesus knew he wo once he had been made wholly Christ's. John 21:15-19. Point out that he was first to confess Jesus as the Messiah of (Matthew 16:16-23).

Then stress his leadership of the e church which fulfilled Jesus' estimate Him (Matthew 16:18,19). He moved disciples to fill up the broken ranks of apostles (Acts 1:15ff.); explained Pe costal effusion (Acts 2:14); healed a l man and defended this act (Acts 3:4,12 8-12); and he opened the door of salva alike to Jew and Gentile (Acts 10). Sh how Peter furthered the preaching of Gospel through missionary efforts (Acts 37-10:48). Finally, he died a martyr's de (John 21:19).

Paul, Missionary to the Gentiles

Again, the material is extremely ab dant, and so a judicious choice to state case is necessary. Most of the material be found in Acts 9:1-31; 12:25-28:31. was a well-born, well-educated Jew had studied under the leading rabbi maliel. He was a Pharisee, which me that he was of the zealous group among Jews (Philippians 3:4-7). After his con sion he became as zealous a Christian as had been a Jew (Acts 9:1-19). It was who was responsible for breaking down barriers between Jew and Gentile, mal the Gospel universal, not limited. He un took three separate missionary journ bringing the Gospel to Jews and Gen living in Cyprus, Asia Minor, Greece, Ro and probably Spain. He founded the church in Europe (Acts 16:9-40). He fered arrest (Acts 21:31-36), trial (Acts 1-26:32), shipwreck on the way to Rom stand trial for his life (Acts 27:39-44), years' imprisonment awaiting trial yet ca ing on with his work (Acts 28:30,31) nally suffering death for his faith.

He was an intensely religious man, an tensely active man in the cause of brin the salvation of Jesus Christ to Jew Gentile throughout the Roman Empire, pecially the latter, and an intensely lea man who was able to interpret the mis and message of Jesus Christ as the Sav of the world. His epistles set forth the ology of the Church as well as the ma of applying the faith to everyday living

Conclusion

The leader will now briefly summa the case for each: Stephen, the ma Philip, the evangelist; Barnabas, the horter; Peter, the first leader of the Chu Paul, the missionary to the Gentiles. T he will ask each one present to mark ballot. After they have been counted, will announce the results.

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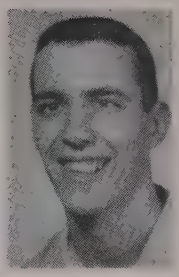
From Persecutor to Apostle

Acts 9:1-9,17-20

No. 1 in a Series: "Portraits of Paul"



August 12 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

What Makes a Persecutor?

How would you characterize a persecutor? Is a persecutor always mean, nasty, atheistic, and immoral? This is not necessarily so. Take a little time to examine the life of the persecutor Paul, and you will see that he believed in God, he was upright and moral, and he presecuted because of zeal for his religion (Philippians 3:5,6).

Paul had a fine background. He was born a strict Jew of a very fine Jewish family. He was trained as a strict Pharisee. You remember, of course, that they were the strictest sect of all the Jews. Jesus often spoke of them in very stern terms. Paul was also born a Roman citizen, and many times during his ministry this saved his life. He was educated in Jerusalem at the feet of Gamaliel, a great Jewish teacher. All this gave Paul a great zeal for the faith and a great conviction of his own rightness.

Consider a moment that this self-righteous attitude is always basic in persecution. You and I may well become persecutors unless we understand that we are to speak the truth in love. May pride not make us think that our church and our denomination are better than others, so that no one else has the truth. This attitude leads to persecution.

Paul, the Persecutor

(Have someone read Monday's reading—Acts 7:54-8:2.) Here we see Paul's first experience in the death of a martyr. Although apparently Paul did not throw stones, he says himself that he consented to Stephen's death. Paul also went out with great zeal to persecute the church elsewhere (see Acts 9:1). It was on the way to Damascus to persecute Christians that something happened which changed Paul altogether.

Paul's Experience with Christ

The dramatic record of the Scripture cannot at this point be improved upon. *(Perhaps someone ought to read Acts 9:1-9 again, but in a modern speech translation such as the Revised Standard Version, or Berkeley, or Phillips.)* Paul referred to this experience again and again. It was a personal encounter with the living Christ. It was a genuine experience, because it transformed his entire life. This kind of experience we call conversion. It is a turning away from sin and a turning to God.

Every young person needs to be converted! This does not mean that everyone must have an experience similar to that of Paul. For some the experience of conversion is gradual. Like Timothy they have had all kinds of spiritual opportunity and training. Nevertheless, every young person must consciously consider the claims of Christ upon his life and say "Yes" or "No" to Him. "Maybe" or "Wait" is not enough. Every young person should take opportunity to consider seriously his or her personal relationship to Jesus Christ.

Paul's Road to Service

As soon as Paul had confessed Christ, trouble began. *(Have someone read Wednesday's and Thursday's Bible readings—Acts 9:23-25,26-30.)* The Jews, of course, had lost their best man. Here was living evidence that Christianity was real. They wanted to get rid of this evidence as soon as possible. It was very deadly evidence.

Jesus once warned Christians that the world would hate them. This is because there is a basic difference between the Christian and the world. This difference ought to be real. Is there such a difference in your life, or do you feel yourself to be quite comfortable in the world and with friends who are not really interested in Christ or the church?

Paul even had a problem with the church. Believers did not trust him. Of course, you cannot blame them too much. Paul's reputation had been a bad one. Youth often discover even among other youth in the church that to be a confessing Christian brings criticism. Have you ever suffered as a Christian? When criticism comes, are you able to take it?

Paul's Ministry

Paul's work in one city is summarized in Saturday's Bible reading *(read Acts 20:17-21).* He remained faithful to the end. Here again he teaches an important lesson. There are many who begin well, but before they are finished they have failed in their Christian walk and testimony. Christians need "stick-to-it-tiveness."

Conclusion

How does your life measure according to the life of Paul? Well, you say, I could never be like Paul. God doesn't expect every believer to be a Paul, but He does expect us to perform according to our talents. Five talents demand five more, two demand four, and one small talent still ought to bring one more. May God make us faithful according to our ability!

(Take time for all to pray silently as they dedicate or commit their lives to Jesus Christ and His service regardless of the cost which may be involved. Then sing the hymn O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee *softly before the benediction.)*

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong, minister of the Immanuel Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan

gested Program Outline

rayer Service
ns: *Since Jesus Came into My Heart; urrender All*
nce Prayers
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al Music
ture Reading: Acts 9:1-9,17-20
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ssion of Topic
t Prayer
n: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
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possible, make a poster containing pic- of Paul as a persecutor and an apostle. ate the change that took place in s life, and invite Junior Highs to grow you from the youths you are into ma- servants of Christ in your church and nunity. You might include pictures of Christians in various professions. Give ls of your Sunday night meeting.

ic Introduction

ristianity is filled with dramatic stories t men who were marvelously converted became great leaders in the church. most powerful illustration of this truth be found in the conversion of the tle Paul. Here was a case of the perse- being persecuted.

the course of this topic we want to ider not only the historic facts in the of Paul, but also how these facts apply s. We also want to ask what is it that es men persecute others and if we would the same under certain given circum- ces.

at Is Persecution?

ersecution is the effort to make a person up his faith by physical pain and dis- or mental torture. All young people heard the word "brainwashing." We ciate it with Communism. It is an effort nake a man think and believe principles ch are really contrary to his basic con- ions. In the past this was done through sical torture; in our day it is done ugh more subtle means by working on mind.

aul was a persecutor in the older sense. took Christians and killed them or car- them off to jail, attempting to get them say that they no longer followed Jesus ist. This was a real burden to Paul in later years which he found hard to for- for he said, "I am the least of the stles, that am not meet to be called an stle, because I persecuted the church of d" (I Corinthians 15:9).

secution Today

Before we study more specifically the ma- al that deals with Paul, we ought to be are of the fact that persecution is not nething that occurred only hundreds of rs ago; it goes on today. If you were to ess where this might be, it would prob- y be China or Russia and you would be nt. But there is also persecution of Prot- ants in Spain and South America and ece. It may even be true that many ng people find it hard to maintain their h right here in our own land.

God's Roll Call Continued

Romans 16:21-27

No. 2 in a Series: "Getting Acquainted with the Christian Church"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **August 19**

Publicizing the Meeting

To attract attention to the meeting, make an attractive poster for the church bulletin board giving the impression of a classified want ad, with the wording *MEN WANTED (Fellows and Girls)—For further particulars report at Christian Endeavor meeting August 19 at ____ o'clock.* See that every youth of your age group in the church receives a personal invitation to the meeting.

Purpose of the Meeting

This meeting should be so planned and prayed for that it will bring definite results in the form of new understanding for youth concerning the purpose of the Christian life. In looking at the lives of others whom God has used, youth should be guided to a consideration of their own usefulness to Him in these critical days in world history.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Announcement of Topic and Opening Prayer
Hymn: *In Thee Do I Live*
Scripture Reading: Romans 16:21-27
Season of Prayer (Ask for prayer requests)
Offering and Announcements
Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers*
Leader's Talk
Group Participation
Hymn: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*
Closing Prayer

Leader's Talk (Suggested Thoughts)

When we consider the Christian Church today we generally do not think of it in terms of history—church history in the process of being made. This evening we shall continue our discussion of how God has been building His church, a few of the personalities He has used who have contributed to the history of the church, and the part He expects us to play today as ordinary Christians.

The key to our discussion is found in the statement Christ made to His followers before His ascension and which was included in the Scripture lesson of our last meeting: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Some of these New Testament witnesses are well known to us today, while others, including some of those in our Scripture lesson, are almost unknown. But each has his place in God's plan, including you and me today. Paul mentions many of the Lord's people in Romans 16 to whom he sends greetings in Rome and also others who are with him as he writes the letter. This brings out the importance of each Christian as an individual in the Lord's work. Tonight let's learn something about these heroic personalities of the church in the first century and later centuries as well.

FOR DISCUSSION

Jack Davis received the Lord as his Saviour early in life, having been taught from the Bible by his parents since he was very small. As he grew in his Christian life he also grew in his knowledge and interest in electricity. In high school he became convinced that God wanted him to be a Christian engineer. But the influence of his parents, plus his keen interest in the Bible, finally led Jack into the ministry, where he thought surely the Lord would richly bless his life. But Jack was disappointed, and he never felt peace in his heart as a minister.

1. What was Jack's first mistake? What should he have done that he did not do?

2. In a Christian's relation with the Lord, what is most important? (See I Samuel 15:22)

3. How could Jack have been used of God as an engineer?

4. What does Jack's feeling of unrest as a minister show us concerning the importance of individuals in God's sight? (Read Philippians 2:13)

5. How important is it that we let our redeemed lives be used according to the Lord's will? What does Philippians 2:12 say about it?

6. How can we best reach our fellow students for Christ? What preparation do we need?

7. It has been said that God has three instruments to do His work in the world: His Word, His Holy Spirit, and a redeemed life. How is each important?

First Speaker

Timotheus (or Timothy) is familiar to all of us as Paul's "son in the faith" from the city of Lystra. He was Paul's companion and fellow worker in many of his travels.

Lucius was probably Lucius of Cyrene, a prophet and teacher at Antioch before becoming a missionary.

Jason was Paul and Silas' host in Thessalonica who, with others, was brought before the rulers because they "turned the world upside down."

Sosipater was probably "Sopater" of Berea who accompanied Paul into Asia.

Tertius was Paul's penman. However, he was more than a mere scribe; he was also a Christian brother sending his Christian greeting to those in Rome.

Gaius was Paul's host— and also host of the church—at Corinth. He was one of the two men whom Paul himself actually baptized.

Erastus was the chamberlain, or treasurer, of the city of Corinth.

Quartus is known only as a Christian brother in Corinth.

Second Speaker

As a great light from heaven struck on the road to Damascus, so light struc mind and heart of a young August monk more than 1500 years later as he meditating on the 16th and 17th vers the first chapter of Romans. Martin L was born of peasant parents in 1483 was ordained in 1507 following his tra in an Augustinian monastery, and it only three years later that he receive first negative impression of the church ing a visit to Rome in 1510.

He began to have less and less confi in the works of penance required by church as compared with the holiness righteousness of God, and in the wint 1513 the great truth struck home to heart, "The just shall live by faith." church which he revived was soon to a rapid growth, but meanwhile Luther to experience several years of struggle, the pope and with other reformists—es ally Zwingli—over doctrine. Luther di 1546 after 20 years of happy married

Third Speaker

Luther's testimony of God's saving was used by God in the life of anoth His servants in the person of John W John was the fifteenth child of Samuel Susanna Wesley, born in 1703. He ordained in the Church of England in Wesley's influence was first felt at Ox where the "Holy Club," also known a "Methodists," came into being throug preaching during the 1730's.

But even after later serving as a mis ary in Georgia, Wesley was convinced he did not have "that faith whereby we are saved." It was at a meeting i dersgate Street, London, in May, where Luther's "Preface to the Epistle t Romans" was being read, that, writes ley, "I felt my heart strangely warm felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone salvation; and an assurance was give that He had taken away *my* sins, even and saved *me* from the law and sin death." Wesley's great gift was geniu organization. He died at the age of 8

Fourth Speaker

Probably the most scholarly among pioneers of the evangelical church was Calvin, born in 1509 at Noyon, Switzer Calvin began a study of the Scriptures in his life, and by 1534 he was rea make a clear break with Rome. His lif dangered, he moved from France, whe had led the reformists, to Basle, Switze and then on to Geneva, where he rem for most of the rest of his life.

Luther's doctrine of salvation by was the basis of Calvin's theology, added emphasis on the infinite sovere of God and the absolute guilt and co tion of man. Through God's grace, Calvin, the Son of God became incar and by His death, resurrection, and a sion He fulfilled His work as the Rede of men. The believer has life in Him knows that he is saved, having the wi of the Spirit that he is a child of God. vin died in Geneva in 1564, "the most C tian man of his time."

Comments by Charles O. Heyward, a memb the staff of the Central Branch YMCA, Wa ton, D. C., and a former Christian Endeavor secretary

ıjested Program Outline

rayer Service
ing Thought: Galatians 2:20
n: *In the Service of the King*
ture Reading: Acts 16:9-15
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n: *In Christ There Is No East or West*
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entation of Topic
n: *I'll Live for Him*
ing Prayer of Consecration

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is necessary at this meeting to have a map of the area concerned in the neys of Paul. The leader should point in general the area covered by Paul in lifetime and emphasize the tremendous t this was.

his topic has been divided into several s. It is suggested that each part be as- ed to a different member well in ad- e of the program. Each person should y the references and the short explan- a given and be prepared to tell the story is own words. The discussion at the end ach section could be led by either the on who presents the section or by the er.

der's Talk

When we see the vast territory covered the apostle Paul in his work of love for Master it is amazing to us. Let us re- nber that these travels took place around year 50 A.D. His work covered an area elievably large in that period.

Although Paul's Christian work had its t in Antioch in the country of Syria, most his mission efforts were concentrated in country of Asia Minor. This is better wn by us today as Turkey. He also es- lished churches in Europe in the coun- s of Macedonia and Greece. His ventures k him as far as Rome, the capital of the nan Empire, and some scholars say that may have gone as far as Spain in his r years.

Some of the trips were made by boat, we can be sure that there were many ary miles walked on foot by this early neer of Christianity. Let us recall some his adventures in preaching Christ in so ny different places.

Iventures of Paul

1. *Paul assumes leadership of the mision ty (Acts 13:6-12).* In this instance the cerer was trying to keep the Roman gov- or from believing the word of God. Paul, ough the power of God, struck the cerer blind, and in turn the governor be- ved. God here gave Paul the power to ercome evil in order to witness.

Discussion: Will Jesus give us power to ercome the trials around us when we are ing to witness for Him? Give an example.

2. *Paul hailed as a god (Acts 14:8-22).* A pple in the city of Lystra came to Paul, d Paul healed the man. Upon seeing this racle, the people standing around hailed ul as a god. However, very quickly the

With the World for His Parish

Acts 16:9-15; Galatians 2:20

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people were persuaded to change their minds, and they stoned Paul. He left the place but came back soon to witness again to these same persecutors. Verse 22 is the key verse in showing Paul's determination.

Discussion: How can we as teen-agers be challenged by this experience of Paul?

3. *Change of plans (Acts 16:6,7).* This may seem to be a rather insignificant Scripture, but it can be a consolation to stumbling Christians. It shows that Paul, as close as he lived to the Holy Spirit, was sometimes a little slow in finding out the will of God for himself.

Discussion: What are some ways we can know the will of God?

4. *Friends in Christ (Acts 18:1-3).* Although Paul's persecutions were many, God did not leave him without Christian friends. Aquila and Priscilla were converted to Christ in Corinth through Paul's influence. They at once gave themselves wholly to the work of the church.

They went with Paul to Ephesus (Acts 18:18), and later a church met in their home (I Corinthians 16:19). A few months later they returned to Rome where again a church met in their house (Romans 16:3-5). Later they were again in Ephesus (II Timothy 4:19). They were truly loyal and devoted friends of Paul.

Discussion: Why did Paul need Christian friends? Why do young people today need Christian companions?

5. *Paul at Ephesus.* Paul did the most marvelous work in all his life in Ephesus. Here he taught in the synagogue and held sessions of school (Acts 18:8-10).

However, perhaps the main reason for Paul's success was the special miracles he performed (Acts 19:11,12). It seems that God Himself was very interested in establishing a church at Ephesus. It seems that only at times did Paul perform miracles. No miracles are recorded to have been done in some cities, but he did miracles in others.

In Ephesus, multitudes of strangers were healed by handkerchiefs that had touched Paul's body. Yet, at another time, Paul didn't heal his own beloved friend (II Timothy 4:20).

Discussion: Discuss the fact that it was God who was really doing the miracles and working through Paul. You might refer also to Ephesians 3:7 and Philippians 4:13 in this discussion.

6. *Paul seized.* Paul was going to Jerusalem to deliver an offering of money he had collected for the poor. However, he was seized there (Acts 21:27ff.) and brought before the ruler and later before even King Agrippa.

Let us see what kind of a man this king was before whom Paul had to stand. Agrippa's father had murdered James, the brother of John. His great-uncle had killed John the Baptist and mocked Christ, and his great-grandfather had murdered the children of Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth. Even in this situation Paul witnessed for Christ, and he almost persuaded Agrippa to become a Christian (Acts 26:28).

Discussion: Sometimes it seems hard to talk with those in authority. How can we witness to those in authority about us such as our teachers, civic leaders, parents, etc.?

Lessons from Paul

Paul did his work so successfully that fifty years later Christians were so numerous in Asia Minor that heathen temples were almost forsaken. Almost literally, the little Jew from Tarsus Christianized the Roman Empire. He was the greatest mortal man of the ages.

Paul, by dedicating himself fully to the Lord, was able to do many mighty things. What we as young people should learn from this splendid example is that we must be so in tune with God that His Holy Spirit can work through us. It is only in the measure that we yield ourselves to Christ that He can truly bless and use us.

The average Christian says, "I want to be used in a greater way for the Lord, but how?" First, we must be entirely certain of our motive—to be used for the LORD and not for self. How many times the desire to glorify self instead of the Lord has made our Christian service null and void! Remember, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31).

Then seek God's direction and wisdom in all you do for Him. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5,6).

No earnest Christian ever wanted to do something for the Lord and found nothing to do. Perhaps it is not always the field of our choice, but in the field of His choice there is real joy. Pray for His leading and "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" (John 2:5).

Remembering these things—to do all to the glory of the Lord, to seek His guidance and wisdom, and to be willing to do whatever He directs—then let us who are Christians dedicate ourselves anew to the work of Jesus Christ.

Comments by Mrs. Howard Anderson, wife of the pastor and counselor of the High School society of the Calvary United Brethren Church of Rockford, Ohio

Heart Trouble

Proverbs 18:24; John 15:8-17

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **August 26**

Publicity

Prepare a poster with the headline *Heart Trouble.* In the center put a large heart broken in two with an arrow going through it. On the arrow print *Christian Friendship.* At the bottom put the meeting details. Since this is a "learn to be friendly" meeting, a telephone invitation campaign would be appropriate.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Greeting at Door as Youth Enter
Song Service
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 18:24; John 15:8-17
Silent Prayer: thoughts directed by Leader
Quiz: "Am I a Good Christian Friend?"
Announcements and Offering
Leader's Introduction
Chalkboard Discussion
Testimony
Mock Trial
Benediction

For the Leader

This program emphasizes two phases of Chrisian friendship: friendship to a few special friends, and friendship to everyone, including strangers. Schedule your meeting carefully so as to have time to include all the parts. The trial may be as long or as short as you wish, depending upon the number of "cases" brought before the judge.

The purpose of the quiz is to help each young person take stock of his own "friendship" qualities and to correct his attitudes, if necessary. Mimeograph the quiz to hand out to each member. Each question is to be answered "yes" or "no." As you hand out the quiz explain this to your members. After they have written down all the answers, give the correct answers, letting youth grade themselves. Questions No. 5, 9, 12, 14, and 17 should be answered "no," and all the others "yes." Use the chart below as a grading device.

10-12 yeses—Excellent
8-10 yeses—Just Average
6- 8 yeses—Need Improvement
Below 6—Ask for Forgiveness

Props and Materials Needed

You will need mimeographed copies of the quiz, pencils, chalkboard and chalk for the discussion, and for the trial a judge's bench or table, perhaps a robe for the judge, a witness chair, jury box or four chairs set apart, and chairs for the lawyers. Try to make it look as real as possible.

Introduction

There is no code that declares that every discussion of boy-and-girl relations must deal with going steady, etc. What about Christian friendship? The bond of true friendship is love, and love is of God. The greatest friendship one can experience in this life is that which is inspired by the teachings of Christ. The more obedient one is to Christ's commandments, the better friend he will be to others.

AM I A GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIEND?

1. Did I speak to a young person besides my own little group of friends at Sunday school this morning?
2. Did I give anyone an opportunity to discuss his own problem this past week?
3. Did I invite someone who has not attended regularly to come to Sunday school or to Christian Endeavor recently?
4. Did I go out of my way to include someone who looked lonesome in my group of friends as we talked together?
5. Do I flatter a friend with an untruth just because I want to keep his friendship?
6. Has anyone ever asked my advice?
7. Do people have a chance to talk about themselves when around me?
8. Do I regularly greet adults who know me with a genuine, friendly greeting?
9. Do I stay out of the way of someone I feel I don't like?
10. Have I ever sacrificed something I wanted to do for a friend?
11. Do I ever spend time doing something just to help a friend and not to benefit myself?
12. Do I ever criticize a friend behind his back?
13. Do I say "hello" or "hi" in a sincere, friendly way?
14. Do I avoid shaking hands with most people?
15. Do I pay a compliment when one is deserved?
16. Do I ever ask someone to sit with me in Christian Endeavor or in school who is not one of my close friends?
17. Do I say "hello" to strangers and then wait for them to do all the talking?

Chalkboard Discussion

(This may be used as material for a 5-to 10-minute talk by a young person, if desired.)

As an introduction, the leader will write "Traits of Christian Friendship" across the top of the chalkboard and list the Scripture references. The group will then look up each reference, seeking traits mentioned in them. The leader will write these traits across from the proper Scripture. The Scriptures used are the suggested Daily Bible Readings on page 26.

The leader should be familiar with all the passages so as to evaluate each as it is discussed. You may ask your group to suggest any other traits they can think of and list them on the chalkboard also.

Close this discussion by challenging group with Luke 10:25-37, especially ver 27, 36, and 37, and with Proverbs 18:24.

Reference	Trait
James 2:23	Friendship with God
John 15:14	Friendship with Chris
John 15:17	Love
Hebrews 13:1-3	Friendship with strangers and needy
Proverbs 17:17	Faithfulness
Proverbs 27:5,6	Honesty
Proverbs 27:10	Availability

Testimony

Arrange a testimony from a newcomer to the fact that he now comes regularly a result of friendly teen-agers on his or first few visits. If no one like this is av able, find someone in your group who thankful for a particular act of friendsl he received and have him tell about it.

Mock Trial

Appoint from your group a judge, lawy a bailiff, defendants, and a jury of f young people or two adults and two you people. This may be elaborate, with a d ferent lawyer presenting each case and a ing the defendant questions as in a r trial, or it may be simple, with one law presenting all the cases in a short summ to the jury. The more you prepare for a practice this, the more effective it will If you use the more elaborate method, p two or three of the cases and eliminate rest.

All the defendants are accused of bei unfriendly or being a poor friend.

Case 1. When introduced to a new while talking with some friends, Joyce Al looked up, said "hello," and then turned back on the new girl and continued talki Joyce felt their conversation was priva the new girl felt left out and hurt.

Case 2. Brad Davis attended a banq with a couple of friends at a church oth than his own. At the table he neglected give his name to those he didn't know a did not talk with them at all. He said didn't know them. They thought him u friendly.

Case 3. Bill Martin is quite a conver tionlist—he does all the talking, centeri the topics on things he likes and on himse He feels this puts other people at ease not having to choose a topic. His frien wish he would let them get a word in on in a while.

Case 4. Marilyn Andrews has been peating to the girls a choice bit of news to her in confidence by her "best" friend. S thinks it is too good to keep quiet.

Case 5. Janice Woods noticed that one her friends was showing off in front of t boys and heard them say how they disa proved. She decided not to tell her frien however, because she might get mad.

Case 6. Earl Lane asked Jim to attend church party, but did not offer to provide ride even though he knew Jim had no w to get there. Earl said it was up to Jim get himself there.

Case 7. Karen Barrett noticed that Ali was always quiet and didn't enter in things. Karen decided to ignore Alice, sin she undoubtedly wanted to be left alon Alice felt that no one liked her.

Comments by Mrs. Edward Fierce, sponsor w her husband of the High School society of Grace Presbyterian Church of Peoria, Illinois

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t a note in the bulletin of your church, g the title of the meeting, and using as a subtitle, "What Kind of Fruit Is Tree Bearing?"

gested Program Outline

Prayer Service
n: *This Is My Father's World*
ture Reading: Galatians 6:1-10
ence Prayers
uncements ond Offering
ial Music
entation of Topic
n: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
diction

the Leader

his topic points out that little sins can me big sins and ruin our lives. You ask the questions after the Seed Stu- and let members volunteer to give vers, or you may pass out paper and eils so each person can write his answer n. After all questions have been an- red on paper, read the answers.

oduction

ur Scripture lesson points out that a per- reaps what he sows. It is like planting ls of corn. When you plant corn seeds don't expect to see wheat, neither do expect to see carrots. Corn seeds grow corn stalks and bear ears of corn. eat seeds grow into wheat plants, and reap a harvest of wheat and not a har- of potatoes.

arents are always putting seeds in chil- n's minds. If parents put seeds of truth righteousness into their children, they ect that these seeds will grow into truth righteousness. But young people like do not always produce good deeds or act dly and respectfully toward our parents. y is this?

The answer is this. While parents, Sun- school teachers, Christian Endeavor nselors, and ministers are planting seeds our minds, Satan is doing this too. He nts lies, anger, hatred, and disobedience. must get rid of these sins, for little sins w into big sins. We must dig out the le sins when we are young, so that these s do not get big and out of hand when are older.

ed Studies

1. When Joey was a small baby boy, his ther came home from the store with a . The next time his mother went to the re, she did not bring a toy. Joey was gry. He banged his head against the wall, mped his feet, cried, and yelled. His ther couldn't seem to stop his fussing. e went to the store to get a toy to stop crying. By doing this the mother had anted a seed. It was the seed of "getting ur own way." Now answer this question, hy didn't the mother spank the boy or ore him? Answer this question too, What you think this boy will be like in the ture? *(Stop here, and ask for answers from e group.)*

2. Mina was a very unhappy girl. She dn't have nice clothes, and her parents dn't have a nice home. She felt cheap d worthless. There was one boy in her hool class who seemed to like her. Once en they talked she made up a big story

Seedtime and Harvest

Galatians 6:1-10

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about her beautiful home, her "big-shot" father, and her model-like mother. This is the end of the story, but now I have a question—Since Mina sowed seeds of falsehood, what do you suppose was the result (the harvest) of sowing these lies? *(Stop; ask this question of the group.)*

3. Craig and Bud each had a paper route. They often sat at the street corner and folded their papers together. While folding the papers they usually talked. After folding the papers they delivered them. Craig and Bud had the same number of customers, but on rainy days and in the winter Bud always finished first. Craig finally asked Bud how he could get finished so fast. Bud said, "I just throw the papers over to the house as I walk down the sidewalk." "Oh," said Craig, "I put them on the porch behind the screen door. In the winter they don't get covered with snow, and in the summer they don't get wet with rain." "Silly," said Bud, "I wouldn't do that; you don't get paid more for that!" One night at Christmas time, Craig and Bud met at the corner after finishing their routes. "What's that?" said Bud. "Oh, just a pocket full of gifts from my customers," said Craig. "How come I didn't get any?" said Bud. Now you answer the question—Why didn't Bud get any gifts? What seeds had Craig been planting all year long, when it rained and snowed? *(Stop; and ask the group for their answers.)*

Sowing Seeds

In Galatians 6:7 we read, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Putting this into words we can understand a little better, we might read it like this: "Do not be fooled or misled, because you cannot sneer at, scoff at, or stick out your tongue at God. What He says is true. If you sow seeds of unkindness, people will treat you unkindly. If you sow seeds of hate, people will hate you. If you sow seeds of cheating or stealing, people who are not Christian will do the same to you. If you do not share with others, others will not share with you. So therefore, each young person must sow seeds of love and then others will love him. Each young person must sow seeds of cooperation with others if he expects others to cooperate with him. Each young person must respect his teacher if he wants his teacher to treat him with respect. You cannot expect wheat to grow if you plant corn; likewise, you cannot expect people to treat you nicely if you don't treat them nicely." Remember that the Bible also says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Rewards Promised

Turn to Galatians 6:8 and there we read, "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." What does the Bible mean by "sowing to his flesh"? Do you and I do such a thing? Do we sow to our flesh? Yes, we do. We all look forward to gaining pleasure and possessions in life. We like to have fun in the flesh. We like to satisfy our flesh, by satisfying every desire and urge we have. Our flesh likes prestige and honor. Our houses and cars bring us prestige and honor. So some people put all their money into a house and car. Their money is their seed, and when they plant it, it brings prestige and honor. But this is "sowing to the flesh," and if people sow their money only in houses they cannot have an eternal home in heaven, for only "he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

What kind of a home do you wish to have? If you had two choices which of these two would you take: a ranch-style house with a two-stall garage and swimming pool; or a small house with a one-stall garage and no swimming pool, but a beautiful mansion in heaven?

Eating the Harvest

What would happen if our people ate every grain of wheat and corn which was harvested this year? The answer is that we wouldn't have anything to plant next year, and then we'd go hungry. Therefore, in our country and in the world, people save some grain every year in order that they may have some to plant the next year. It is for this reason that people give money to the church. By giving it to the church they are saving it for the future.

Remember that Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." When people give money to the church, they are sowing seeds for a heavenly harvest. Naturally, the money won't be waiting for us when we get to heaven, but our money that we give now grows up into a spiritual harvest in heaven. If we eat up all the corn now, we won't have any to plant or harvest next year. If we use up all our money in this life, and give none to God, we won't have a spiritual harvest in heaven. So this is the question we should discuss now: How many of us tithe the money we earn by baby sitting, scooping snow, or mowing lawns? *(Stop and discuss this question.)*

Conclusion

Some young people plant good seeds, and some plant evil seeds. Let us remember that the Bible says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

Comments by Rev. Darrell Franken, minister of the Everglade Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and former general secretary of the Michigan Union

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for July and August, 1962. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.

Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M. June 25 An Early Missionary Acts 8:3-8
T. June 26 A Great God Psalm 96:1-10
W. June 27 An Everlasting Saviour Revelation 1:4-8
T. June 28 Missions Begin at Home Matthew 25:34-40
F. June 29 The Harvest Is Great Luke 10:1,2
S. June 30 Harvesters Sent Forth Matthew 10:1-10
Sun. July 1—Topic: We've a Story to Tell to the Nations Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:1-9
M. July 2 The Way of Uprightness Proverbs 28:6-10
T. July 3 A Demanding Race I Corinthians 9:24-27
W. July 4 A Young Man Prays in Trouble Daniel 6:1-10
T. July 5 The Strait Gate Luke 13:23-30
F. July 6 Build on the Rock Matthew 7:24-27
S. July 7 Serve the Lord with Gladness Psalm 100:1-5
Sun., July 8—Topic: "Everybody's Doing It" I Kings 19:9-18
M. July 9 Seek Heavenly Treasure Matthew 6:19-23
T. July 10 The First Concern Matthew 6:24-34
W. July 11 Jesus Condemns Selfishness Matthew 20:20-28
T. July 12 Life Consists Not of Things Luke 12:13-21
F. July 13 The Unselfishness of a Poor Widow Luke 21:1-4
S. July 14 The Unselfishness of Jonathan I Samuel 18:1-4
Sun., July 15—Topic: "After Me, You Come First" Luke 22:24-30
M. July 16 Jesus Loves All Matthew 20:30-34
T. July 17 Love One Another John 13:31-35
W. July 18 Go the Second Mile Matthew 5:38-42
T. July 19 Love Your Enemies Matthew 5:43-48
F. July 20 Judge Not Matthew 7:1-5
S. July 21 Let Your Light Shine Ephesians 5:8-16
Sun., July 22—Topic: "Get Lost" James 2:1-9
M. July 23 The Hills Inspire Faith in God Psalm 121:1-8
T. July 24 God's Works Are Wonderful Psalm 40:1-5
W. July 25 The Earth Is the Lord's Psalm 50:1-15
T. July 26 The Guidance of God Psalm 23:1-6
F. July 27 The Need for God Psalm 42:1-11
S. July 28 The Strength of God Psalm 46:1-11
Sun., July 29—Topic: "When I Consider Thy Heavens" Psalm 8
M. July 30 Jesus Teaches the Way Matthew 19:16-22
T. July 31 Fellowship in Christ John 17:15-24
W. Aug. 1 Dearly Beloved of the Father Matthew 10:28-33
T. Aug. 2 Ask for Spiritual Gifts Matthew 7:7-11
F. Aug. 3 Give Thanks to the Lord Psalm 136:1-3
S. Aug. 4 Walk Uprightly Psalm 15:1-5
Sun. Aug. 5—Topic: Near to the Heart of God James 4:7-10; Luke 18:9-14
M. Aug. 6 Saul Witnesses Stephen's Death Acts 7:54-8:2
T. Aug. 7 The Lord Foretells Paul's Suffering Acts 9:10-16
W. Aug. 8 The Jews Plot Paul's Death Acts 9:23-25
T. Aug. 9 The Disciples Fear to Trust Paul Acts 9:26-30
F. Aug. 10 A Church Council Approves Paul's Work Acts 15:22-29
S. Aug. 11 Paul's Ministry Acts 20:17-21
Sun. Aug. 12—Topic: From Persecutor to Apostle Acts 9:1-9,17-20
M. Aug. 13 Paul on Cyprus Acts 13:1-13
T. Aug. 14 Paul in Lystra Acts 14:8-18
W. Aug. 15 Paul in Thessalonica Acts 17:1-4
T. Aug. 16 Paul in Corinth Acts 18:1-6
F. Aug. 17 Paul in Jerusalem Acts 21:26-40
S. Aug. 18 Paul in Rome Acts 28:16-31
Sun. Aug. 19—Topic: With the World for His Parish Acts 16:9-15; Galatians 2:20
M. Aug. 20 A Sower Went Forth Matthew 13:3-9
T. Aug. 21 Jesus Explains the Parable Matthew 13:18-23
W. Aug. 22 The Fruitful Vine John 15:1-8
T. Aug. 23 Chosen to Bear Fruit John 15:14-16
F. Aug. 24 Known by Our Fruits Matthew 7:15-20
S. Aug. 25 A Call to Righteousness Romans 6:11-18
Sun. Aug. 26—Topic: Seedtime and Harvest Galatians 6:1-10

Senior High—Young People's Daily Readings

M. June 25 A Lamp Unto My Feet Psalm 119:105-112
T. June 26 A Two-edged Sword Hebrews 4:1-13
W. June 27 An Infallible Guide II Timothy 3:10-17
T. June 28 A Perfect Law Book Psalm 19:7-10
F. June 29 The Gospel of Redemption I Corinthians 15:1-11
S. June 30 The Revelation about Heaven Revelation 21:1-27
Sun. July 1—Topic: The Ancient Book and the Living God Proverbs 2:1-9; II Peter 1:21
M. July 2 The Gospel in Prophecy Isaiah 53:1-12
T. July 3 The Word Became Flesh John 1:1-18
W. July 4 "Jesus Came . . . Preaching" Mark 1:9-15
T. July 5 The First Gospel Sermon Acts 2:14-39
F. July 6 Preaching Christ Crucified I Corinthians 1:18-25
S. July 7 God's Promise Isaiah 55:10,11
Sun. July 8—Topic: The Everlasting Gospel Matthew 24:29-35; Revelation 14:6,7
M. July 9 The Sin of Abel Genesis 4:1-15
T. July 10 The Sin of Ananias Acts 5:1-11
W. July 11 The Wages of Sin Romans 6:12-23
T. July 12 The Call to Repentance Luke 13:1-9
F. July 13 "What Shall We Do?" Acts 2:37-42
S. July 14 Redeemed by Christ's Blood I Peter 1:18-25
Sun. July 15—Topic: The High Cost of Low Living Matthew 6:24-34; Colossians 3:1-10
M. July 16 Mockers of God Galatians 6:1-9
T. July 17 Deceivers of Ourselves I John 1:6-10
W. July 18 An Unfair Bargain Genesis 25:29-34
T. July 19 A Deceitful Scheme Genesis 27:1-29
F. July 20 Betrayal of Christ Matthew 27:1-10
S. July 21 A Call to Purity Philippians 4:4-9
Sun. July 22—Topic: Cheating Whom? Song of Solomon 2:15; Matthew 21:28-32
M. July 23 The Light of the Lord Isaiah 2:1-5
T. July 24 The True Light John 1:6-13
W. July 25 I Am the Light John 8:12-20
T. July 26 Lights Aglow Matthew 5:
F. July 27 Children of the Light Ephesians 5:
S. July 28 The Eternal Light Revelation 21:2
Sun. July 29—Topic: Hang Out Your Lamp Matthew 5:1
M. July 30 Praise Ye the Lord! Psalm 10
T. July 31 Daniel's Devotion Daniel 6:
W. Aug. 1 Early in the Morning Mark 1:3
T. Aug. 2 In Spirit and in Truth John 4:
F. Aug. 3 Peter and Prayer Acts 10:
S. Aug. 4 Growing to Maturity II Peter 1:
Sun. Aug. 5—Topic: Mind Your Manners! Romans 12
M. Aug. 6 Luke, the Historian Acts 1:
T. Aug. 7 Peter on Pentecost Acts 2:
W. Aug. 8 Stephen, the Martyr Acts 6:
T. Aug. 9 Philip in Samaria Acts 8:2
F. Aug. 10 Paul, the Missionary Acts 13:
S. Aug. 11 John, the Revelator Revelation 1:
Sun. Aug. 12—Topic: Roll Call of the Faith Acts 1:6-8;
M. Aug. 13 The Lord's Choice Acts 1:2
T. Aug. 14 Ordained of God Mark 3:1
W. Aug. 15 Anointed for Service I Samuel 9:22-27;
T. Aug. 16 Accepting the Call Isaiah 6
F. Aug. 17 They Left All Matthew 4:1
S. Aug. 18 Faithful Women Romans 16:
Sun. Aug. 19—Topic: God's Roll Call Contin Romans 16:2
M. Aug. 20 The Friend of God James 2:1
T. Aug. 21 Friends of Christ John 15:1
W. Aug. 22 Making Friends Luke 16:
T. Aug. 23 Brotherly Love Hebrews 13
F. Aug. 24 A Faithful Friend Proverbs 17:1
S. Aug. 25 True Friendship Proverbs 27:
Sun. Aug. 26—Topic: Heart Trouble Proverbs 18:24; John 15:

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Topics for JULY

July 1 "Blessed Is the Nation" Psalm 33:12; Philippians 2:14
July 8 Our Community Psalm 24:
July 15 Leaders of Our Community Genesis 41:39
July 22 Light in Our Community Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 8:
July 29 Know Him II Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 3:14

Topics for AUGUST

August 5 Love Him Matthew 22:36-38; John 14
August 12 Serve Him Luke 6:46
August 19 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Psalm 19:1; 24:1; 95:
August 26 "Bring Them In" Mark 10:13

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NEWS NOTES ABOUT ENDEAVORERS

Rev. Nathan H. VanderWerf, associate minister of Ezenezer Reformed Church, Mo son, Illinois, is enthusiastic about his trip to the Holy Lands March 10-29. The tour Rome, Cairo, Jordan, Israel, Athens, and Paris was a gift from the church in appreciation his assuming responsibility during the past year in the absence of a minister.

Timothy J. Kribs, associate president of the International Society, is on the rec Dean's List at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduates Jun with a B.D. degree.

Mrs. Carolee Ewing, a former Colorado Endeavorer who is now a missionary in Br with her husband, reports a city-wide Christian Endeavor Union has just been organi in Goiania, capital city of the state of Goias. A Christian Endeavor group will soon organized in the new capital city of Brazilia.

NEWS
from around the world

ancy E. Lipscomb

Mrs. Howard Anderson

y E. Lipscomb (left, above) of Ken-, New York, is a new writer of com-s for Senior High-Young People's topics. first material appears in this issue. Miss comb is director of Christian education enmore United Presbyterian Church and s as counselor for the Erie County stian Endeavor Union. Born in Florida, attended high school in Savannah, gia, and Wheaton College in Illinois. teaches in the evening school of Buffalo e Institute. Mrs. Howard Anderson t, above) as a new Junior High writer ared the August 19 topic development. former Eva Nell Rash, she is the wife e minister of Calvary United Brethren Christ Church, Rockford, Ohio, and es as counselor of the high school soci-She is a former school teacher and holds S. degree from Huntington College.

t Jesus Christ Means to Me is the theme wo articles in the May issue of CHRIS-N HERALD written by Christian En-orers. The authors are Earle W. Gates. of Derby, New York, chairman of the th Assembly of the International Soci- and Beverley V. Baxter of Roseburg, gon, now a student at Northwest Chris- College in Eugene, who was the 1961 eavorer of the Year.

Massachusetts Union invites Endeavorers to participate in its 55th annual leadership education conference June 23-30 at Northfield School for Girls, East Northfield. Established by Dwight L. Moody, Northfield is one of America's most famous conference centers. It is located within walking distance of New Hampshire and Vermont, on rolling hills near the Connecticut River.

Full participation in the Northfield Conference for Youth calls for attendance at three classes and chapel in the morning, study hour and recreation in the afternoon, vespers on Round Top and varied programs in the evening. Prayer life is nurtured by individual morning devotions and evening prayer groups. There are 20 leadership training classes arranged in two sections, for Junior Highs and for Senior Highs and Young Adults. On Friday evening there is an impressive graduation service led by the Dean of Faculty, Lewis A. Oxford, a public school guidance director.

Chapel messages on the theme "You—A Disciple" will be brought each morning in beautiful Sage Chapel by Rev. H. Boyer Wild, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wellesley, Massachusetts. High point of the week is the Thursday evening consecration service, when youth will be challenged to make commitments to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. The conference closes on Saturday with an early morning communion service.

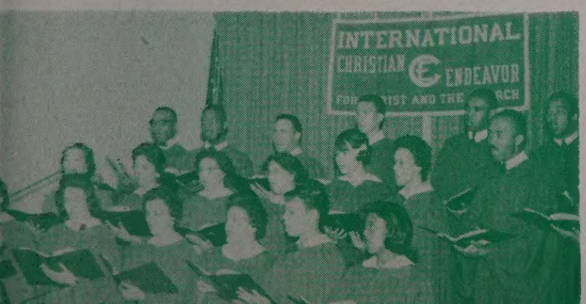
The musical program will be led by Theodore W. Wells, organist, and Lawrence A. Deal, song leader. There will be a concert on Sunday afternoon and daily choir practice.

Rev. Edward G. Johnston, state president, and Helen M. McCormack, conference chairman, have issued an invitation to out-of-state delegates. Cost of registration, board and room (twin beds) is $43.50 for the entire week. Complete information and registration forms may be secured from the Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union, 41 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

Washington State leaders at the convention banquet in Spokane this spring are (left to right) Rev. John Finkbeimer; Mrs. Finkbeimer; Mrs. Parker; Rev. Robert Parker, who was re-elected state union president; Rev. Bruce Kurrle, convention speaker; Rev. Neal Doty, song leader; and Mrs. Doty.

These Intermediates from Blachly Community Church, representing Lane Union, were the winning Intermediate dramatization group at the Oregon state convention March 15-18 in The Dalles.

LEFT—This panel of experts participated in a discussion period on Saturday afternoon during the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference in Atlantic City April 27-29. They are (left to right) Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary, International Society; Dr. Carl M. Schneider, superintendent, Atlantic District of the Northeast Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church; Delno W. Brown, educational secretary, International Society; Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president, International Society; and Elwood Dunn, general secretary, Michigan Union. BELOW LEFT—A concert of sacred music was presented Saturday night by the Young Adult Choir of Trinity A.M.E. Church, Gouldtown, New Jersey, directed by Austin Gould (left), who was also conference song leader.
BELOW—Members of the Children's Work Committee enjoying a cup of tea with Delno W. Brown (standing) during their annual meeting at Christian Endeavor Headquarters April 5-7 are (left to right) Mrs. Christian A. Tirre; Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, chairman; Mrs. Marlin Dossett; and Florence Zimmerman.



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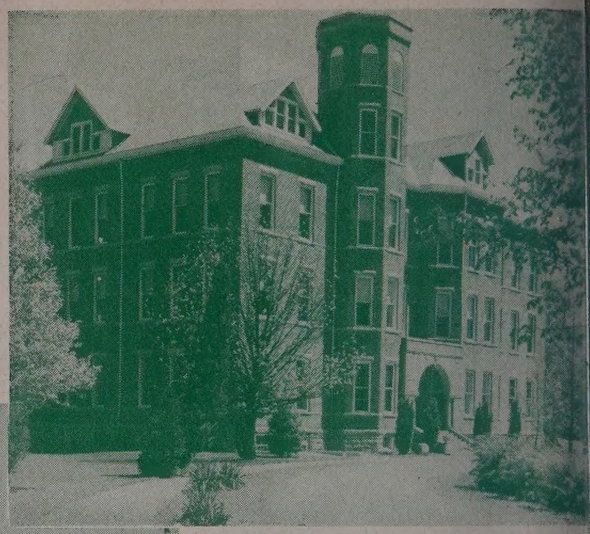

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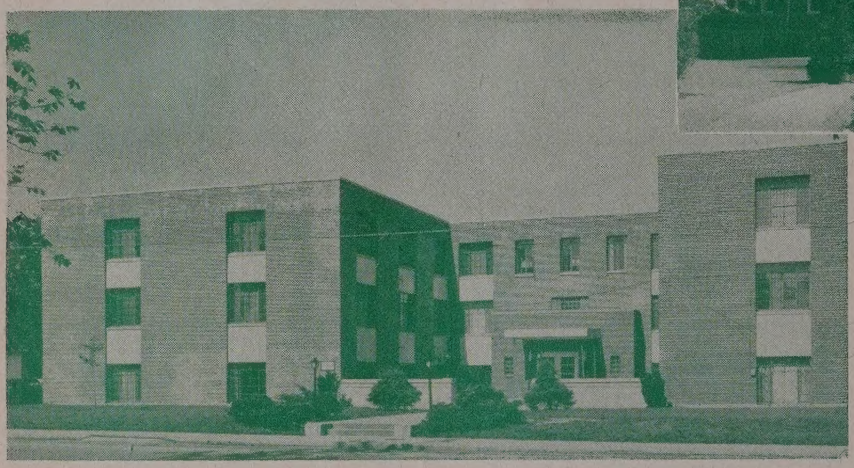

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Features of this year's Assembly are daily personal Quiet Hour, Bible classes and discussion groups, chapel and vesper services, recreation and informal sessions, and group demonstrations. The Assembly opens with dinner at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, July 2, and closes at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, July 7.

Leaders include Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, International Society president; Timothy J. Kribs, associate president; Dr. Earle W. Gates, immediate past president; Dr. Elmer Becker, president of Huntington College, and Professor Robert W. Mueller; Robert C. Ross, minister of the Christian Church, Brookfield, Illinois, and his wife, Nelda Ross; Elwood Dunn, general secretary, Michigan Union; and B. McClain Cochran, general secretary, Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association.

All activities will center in Huntington College, located in the northern part Huntington, Indiana, a city of 15,000 situated on the banks of the Wabash Ri 25 miles southwest of Fort Wayne. Delegates will be housed in the coll dormitories and eat in the dining hall. Accommodations are limited, so reser tions should be made at once.

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